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DEDICATION

TO THE MEMORY OF

REV. R. B. ANDERSON

DURING WHOSE PASTORATE THE WRITER WAS
RECEIVED INTO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
MORGANTON

THIS LITTLE VOLUME IS
DEDICATED

Judge Avery died at his home at Morganton, N. C., June 13, 1913, in his seventy-eighth year. He had sent this book to the publishers some weeks before, but had not had an opportunity to finish reading the proofs. At the request of his son, Lenoir Avery, I have filled in such omissions as I was able, and I have sought to give the volume something of a memorial character by providing a portrait of the Author, together with a brief sketch of his life.

CAREY E. GREGORY.

PREFACE

About twenty years ago, I was requested by the Session of the Presbyterian church, to join the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Morganton in the effort to collect data and prepare a history of the church at Quaker Meadows from the year 1780, and of that established at Morganton about the year 1820, up to the time of writing it.

The burning of the records of Orange Presbytery and the further fact that Concord Presbytery, and the Synod of North Carolina, were organized during the last decade of the Eighteenth Century and that the minutes of the Sessions of both churches prior to 1835, had also been lost or destroyed, at first induced me to despair of doing the desired work.

After years of research and inquiry, the material gathered from tradition and meagre records, grew to such proportions, that the work was undertaken.

The history embraces sketches of each successive pastor, after a short notice of Rev. James Templeton, beginning with that of Rev. Dr. J. McKamie Wilson, whose first work was done at Quaker Meadows between 1795 and 1801, and ending with the auspicious labors of the first year of the present incumbent. The history also contains biographical notices of all elders who have died in the harness in either church and of one of the Revolutionary Elders, Captain Vance, who died at Reems' Creek in Buncombe, as to whose ordination the proof is not absolutely conclusive. The first four elders having participated in the battles of King's Mountain, Ramsaur's Mill and probably Cowpens and Musgrove's Mill.

There will be appended to the history an alphabetical list of members from the establishment of the church at Quaker Meadows, which will prove a help and a pleasure to persons who are trying to trace the genealogy of the old families of the county. As a rule the name of a lady will be that first entered on the church roll, though she may have been married subsequently.

The writer acknowledges valuable assistance from Elder

John A. Dickson in getting the names of old members, as to whose admission to the church no record could be found.

In making the extensive research and inquiry, which has been required to gather material facts, as well as in the tiresome clerical work incident to the preparation of the history, the services of the writer's son, Lenoir T. Avery, have proven indispensable.

With the hope that the old church may prove to have been founded upon a rock, this is respectfully submitted to its members and to the descendants of its founders in Burke, who have become connected with other branches of the Christian church.

A. C. AVERY.

MORGANTON, N. C., March 8, 1913.

HISTORY

OF THE

Presbyterian Churches at Quaker Meadows and Morganton

FROM THE YEAR 1780 TO 1913

In obedience to a resolution passed by the Session of the First Presbyterian church at Morganton, the writer essays to construct a history of the Presbyterian church in Burke County from the organization of the first churches at Quaker Meadows and Pleasant Gardens in about 1780, to our own time, from very meagre material. In order to insure that a succinct and correct account of the proceedings of its church session shall be kept, the minutes of the meetings of the sessions of every church are required to be written out and signed by its moderator and subsequently revised and approved by the moderator of the Presbytery to which it belongs.

Mr. E. J. Erwin, who was the custodian of these minutes, left a statement that the record, which embraced the history of the churches at Quaker Meadows, at Silver Creek chapel, and at Morganton prior to the year 1835, was either mislaid or destroyed and that the book beginning with 1835 was at one time mislaid for three years. So that the history must be gathered from detached notes found in the proceedings of the higher church courts in North Carolina or in general church history such as Foote's "Sketches of North Carolina," Foote's "Sketches of Virginia," or Caruthers' "Life of Caldwell," or from tradition that has been kept alive in the families of leading Presbyterians who composed the first settlers of the county. Resorting to these sources the writer finds that the early records of Orange Presbytery were destroyed more than a century and a half ago, and that the traditions of the early elders who were scattered throughout the central, southern and western sections of the county have been handed down, if at all, to descendants now connected with other religious organizations who have been so aggressive in their work as to bring churches to their own

doors. Rivalry amongst the churches is natural if not commendable, and our church cannot expect members of other denominations to preserve its history, even where that history commemorates the activities of their own ancestors.

Burke County was not established till 1777. The French-Indian War lasted from 1753 to 1760. But the portion of Rowan which was afterwards Burke County lying around Morganton was not considered a safe place of abode until about the year 1763, when the advance guard of the pioneer German settlers in the eastern part of the county and Scotch-Irish settlers in the western part, from Morganton to the mountains, began to rush in and enter the choice land. Even then the hills were still studded with forts, kept in readiness as places of refuge in case of an Indian incursion. One of these forts was erected upon the hill on the right as one entered Fleming's Ford from the northwest and was ready for occupancy by families living on John's River and Upper and Irish creeks. The last of these Indian raids was as late as 1777 and the line of incursion was made memorable by the tales of cruelty visited upon many families.

History and tradition leave a blank where we would expect to hear of the preaching of the Gospel from the first settlement of this section until after the county and county-seat were located in 1777. The records of Orange Presbytery, if they had not been destroyed, would probably have shown who, among the great leaders of the church at that time, such as Rev. Henry Patillo, David Caldwell, Samuel McCorkle and James McRee were ordered to labor for specified periods in this newly acquired wilderness, or it may have been that mission work was done here under the direction of the Presbytery of South Carolina or the Presbytery of Abingdon. A note in Caruthers' "Life of Caldwell" (at page 250) throws the first light upon the history of this church in stating that Rev. James Templeton represented the churches at Quaker Meadows and Pleasant Gardens at a meeting of the Presbytery, April 2, 1784. We are left to conjecture as to when he undertook the work or how long he labored at these churches. The Quaker Meadows church of that day was built about where the church stands today, and a portion of it was still standing, unfit for occupancy, within the

memory of the writer. The church at Pleasant Gardens must have been a name without a local habitation, or it was the church established in the Greenlee settlement on the Upper Catawba, whose organization has continued up to the present time. The Presbyterian churches of Quaker Meadows and Pleasant Gardens were the oldest church structures in the territory lying between Rowan County and the Tennessee line, except the old Lutheran "Little John" church which was built a few years before either of them.

The history of churches is largely composed of sketches of the characters and accounts of the religious work of its successive pastors. On page 105 of Foote's "Sketches of Virginia" it appears that Rev. James Templeton was received by Hanover Presbytery as a candidate at Timber Ridge, April 16, 1775, and that he was a graduate of Nassau Hall, bringing recommendations from Dr. Witherspoon. It further appears that he was licensed at the house of John Morrison on Rockfish, October 26, 1775, and soon removed to South Carolina.

On page 250 of the "Life of Rev. David Caldwell" by Rev. E. M. Caruthers, is printed as a note, a statistical report of the names and churches of Orange Presbytery, showing that James Templeton was the minister of Quaker Meadows church April 2, 1784, and that the church was then in that Presbytery. On page 281 of Foote's "Sketches of North Carolina" it will be seen that the Synod of New York and Philadelphia in May, 1788, with a view to constituting a General Assembly of the Presbyterians of the United States created the new synod of the Carolinas composed of the Presbyteries of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Abingdon, the last being principally in Tennessee in the Watauga settlement. James Templeton was still minister and member of Orange Presbytery in 1788. The first meeting of the new synod was held at Center church in the State of North Carolina November 5, 1788 (see Foote's "Sketches of North Carolina," page 282). When the Synod met James Templeton was recorded as a member of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

At a meeting of the Synod held at Thyatira (in Rowan County) October 5, 1791, James Templeton was appointed as

one of the ministers and elders composing a standing commission of Synod. Amongst the elders appointed was John McKnitt Alexander and the ministers were Rev. Samuel McCorkle, Rev. James Hall and others. • At the same meeting the Synod appointed four missionaries to act in the destitute regions on both sides of the Alleghanies. The commission was to direct their movements during the recess of synod and their "support was priced at two hundred dollars annually." It was made their duty to ascertain and report "who of the families they visited wished to receive the gospel from the Presbyterians." The persons appointed were James Templeton and Robert Hall of South Carolina Presbytery and Robert Archbold with licentiate John Bowman of the Presbytery of Orange. On October 5, 1792 (see Foote's "Sketches of North Carolina," pages 286 and 287) it appears that the commission sent Templeton with Robert Hall to do mission work in lower South Carolina and Georgia. At Sugar Creek October 2, 1793, James Templeton was chosen moderator of Synod. October 1, 1795, James Templeton was again moderator of Synod which met at New Providence. At this meeting John McK. Wilson reported a missionary tour of the lower part of North Carolina.

At the meeting of Synod in 1794, it appears (Foote's "Sketches of North Carolina," page 200) that for some reason James Templeton, moderator, was absent and Samuel C. Caldwell opened Synod with a sermon, whereupon Rev. James Hall was chosen moderator. With this entry James Templeton is not mentioned.

REV. JOHN MCKAMIE WILSON.

Rev. John McK. Wilson was the son of an Englishman who settled and married in Mecklenburg County. John McK. was born in that county in the year 1769. After his father's death and in his boyhood his mother was left a widow and the Widow Wilson took into her home for a time the Widow Jackson, with her young son, Andrew Jackson, afterwards President of the United States (Foote's "Sketches," page 476). John McK. Wilson was educated at the school of Rev. James Hall of Rowan County. Rev. James Hall was one of the foremost citizens of Western North Carolina. He served as captain of a

company during the War of the Revolution and continued to preach the gospel to the soldiers in the field. After our independence had been won he founded a school in Iredell County (then Rowan) at which scores of men afterwards prominent as ministers of the gospel, as politicians, and as business men, received their education. The names of a number of prominent men instructed by him, including that of J. M. Wilson, are given by Foote (see "Sketches," pages 330-331).

Mr. Wilson was licensed by the Presbytery of Orange, then embracing nearly the whole State of North Carolina, in 1793. Concord Presbytery was formed of territory in the western part of Orange Presbytery, October 1, 1795. Prior to the formation of the new Presbytery, Mr. Wilson was ordained pastor of the Quaker Meadows church, about the year 1795 (Foote's "Sketches," page 478), after having served as a missionary in the lower counties of North Carolina for some time. Foote says (at page 479): "While resident in Burke he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Erwin, the daughter of Alexander Erwin, of that county, and found in her an amiable, pious, and intelligent companion and pastor's wife for more than thirty years. He survived her about five years." She was known as "Pretty Polly Wilson." Mr. Wilson served the churches at Quaker Meadows till the year 1801, when he removed to Rocky River church, then in Mecklenburg County, where he spent the remainder of his life. He is reported in the minutes of Synod (Foote's "Sketches," page 302) as representing Morganton and Quaker Meadows churches at Hopewell church, October 31, 1799. This is the first mention we find of Morganton church, but no record has been preserved by the Session of the church showing precisely when a congregation distinct from that at Quaker Meadows was formed in the town. The records of Concord Presbytery show that the pulpits of Quaker Meadows and Pleasant Gardens were supplied by occasional visits of ministers from 1801 till the Quaker Meadows congregation called Rev. Chauncey Eddy, except that at a meeting at Hopewell church in 1819 and at Steele Creek in 1820, Presbytery provided for preaching at Morganton.

After Mr. Wilson's removal to Mecklenburg, he established

a school near Rocky River church and followed in the footsteps of his preceptor, Dr. Hall, in preparing young men for college and, in some instances at least, in instructing candidates for the ministry in theology. Among his students were Revs. Robert Hall Morrison of North Carolina and James Morrison of Virginia. The late Dr. Samuel Tate of Morganton was a nephew of Mrs. Wilson and received his early education at that school. Few men have made a more lasting impression for good on the people of Western North Carolina than Mr. Wilson.

Among his children were Rev. Alexander Wilson who went out as a missionary and died in the wilds of Africa, Hon. J. Harvey Wilson, a distinguished lawyer of Charlotte, and Rev. John M. Wilson, who will be mentioned later as one of the pastors of the church at Morganton. Rev. J. M. Wilson, Sr., lived, during his pastorate at Quaker Meadows, at a place known as the Wilson Old Fields, between the residence of the late Joseph Erwin, now occupied by his daughters, and Quaker Meadows.

THE CHURCH AT SILVER CREEK.

The records do not show when this church was built and when the congregation was organized. We know from the records that among its resident elders was Thomas Neil, and its deacons, John McElrath. Whether Dr. J. M. Wilson supplied it is not shown by any minutes of a church session in existence nor by the minutes of Concord Presbytery. From the information accessible we conclude that the church at Quaker Meadows was the only distinct congregation till about 1819 at the earliest; but that while a church had been built on the Dysartville road called Silver Creek, and services were held at stated intervals there, the congregation was a part of the congregation at Morganton, all of the elders constituting one Session.

There was a long interim between the time when the old church at Quaker Meadows became unfit for occupancy and the time when the present church was built at Quaker Meadows somewhere about the year 1852 or 1853. After that church was rebuilt however, the Presbyterians in the vicinity, while they

met and worshiped there when the pulpit was supplied, were until late years members of the Morganton congregation.

The elders and most active male members of the first congregation at Quaker Meadows were Robert Penland (who was remembered by the old people thirty years ago and affectionately called "Father Penland") and John Duckworth. Robert Penland and Samuel Alexander, who married his daughter, were both ancestors of Mrs. Presnell, Mrs. Harrison Galloway and Mrs. William Harbison. Robert Penland was the grandfather of the late Milton Penland of Asheville, and Robert Penland of Bakersville and the great grandfather of Judge G. S. Ferguson.

Samuel Alexander, who was ordained a few years later, was the grandfather of Mrs. Hugh Howard and of Vance (father of E. D. Alexander) and Davis Alexander and of Mrs. Cornelia Avery and her sister Mrs. Carter. He made an impression for good that is perceptible to this day in the character and conduct of his descendants. He was a soldier of the Revolution and won distinction at King's Mountain. He died at a ripe old age, April 26, 1842. John Duckworth was next ordained an elder. He was wounded at Ramsaur's Mill and fought at King's Mountain before his wound was healed. The ball was extracted from his side by Dr. Shuffling late in life and was exhibited by Governor Morehead with some effect in one of his Whig speeches in 1842. John Duckworth survived all of his comrades in arms. A note in the record of the Morganton church fixes the date of his death November 7, 1843. He has many descendants now living in Burke County.

More extended notices of the early officers and members of Quaker Meadows church will be given in connection with the appended list of members of the Presbyterian church in Burke County.

The writer has satisfied himself that no Presbyterian church was organized in Morganton before the year 1819 and possibly not before Rev. Chauncey Eddy was called by Quaker Meadows church in 1824.

REV. CHAUNCEY EDDY.

Mr. Eddy was living at Morganton in April, 1824. He was recalled by its citizens of the past generation as a polished gentleman, and accomplished scholar and gifted instructor. Beginning with a meeting of Concord Presbytery at Charlotte, April 7, 1824, we find the following entries on the minutes:

A communication was introduced by Mr. Chauncey Eddy, late a licentiate under the direction of the Presbytery of Londonderry, certifying his dismissal from that Presbytery, and recommending him to this body. He, having expressed his wish to be taken under the care and direction of this Presbytery, was accordingly received. It was suggested by a member that it might contribute much to the interest of that section of country where Mr. Eddy at present resides that he receive ordination as an evangelist. This subject was at some length discussed and postponed for further consideration on tomorrow morning.

April 7th.

The subject respecting the ordination of Mr. Eddy was again taken into consideration and it was resolved that it is expedient to ordain Mr. Eddy as an evangelist and that the Presbytery meet at Morganton on the last Friday in this month for that purpose. That Mr. Eddy prepare for delivery a sermon on John 3:23 and for examination a lecture on Acts 16th chapter, from the 25th to 31st verses inclusive, as usual in that case. That Rev. Henry M. Kerr preach the ordination sermon and the Rev. Joseph S. Kilpatrick preside and give the charges.

Morganton, April 30, 1824.

Present: Rev. Joseph S. Kilpatrick, Henry W. Kerr, Joseph E. Bell, John M. Erwin, and Elder Wm. Erwin.

Mr. Chauncey Eddy delivered a popular sermon on the text assigned him and a lecture on Acts 16th chapter, from 25th to the 31st verses inclusive, both of which were considered and sustained.

Mr. Eddy was then examined on experimental religion and on all those things upon which candidates for ordination are usually examined. The Presbytery sustained all the parts of his trial and express their highest approbation of the same by stating that in all things touching his examination Mr. Eddy gave full satisfaction. Resolved unanimously that on tomorrow Mr. Eddy be ordained to the whole of the Gospel Ministry.

May 1.

The Rev. Henry M. Kerr as directed at our last meeting preached the ordination sermon from I Tim. 3:1—"This is a true saying if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desires a good work." After which Mr. Eddy was ordained to the whole of the Gospel Ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and the right hand of fellowship was given him according to discipline. The Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick presided and gave the charge to the newly ordained bishop and an exhortation to the congregation. Adjourned.

Bethel Church, September 8, 1824: Mr. Eddy tardy and allowed to supply churches at discretion.

Bethany Church, April 7, 1825: John Duckworth, elder representing Morganton church; Rev. Chauncey Eddy absent.

Prospect Church, June 8, 1825: Chauncey Eddy absent.

Unity Church (Rowan), July 15, 1825: Eddy not reported.

Unity (Lincoln), September 1, 1825: Elder John Duckworth represented Morganton. Rev. Eddy absent.

REV. JOHN SILLIMAN.

The successor of Mr. Eddy was Rev. John Silliman of whom the writer knows something by tradition. He can best be introduced by the following extract from the minutes of Presbytery:

Unity (Lincoln), September 23, 1825.

Whereas, the Rev. Chauncey Eddy has left the congregation of Quaker Meadows and Morganton; and although he has taken no dismissal these churches are vacant, and

Whereas, the delay of Mr. Jno. Silliman's dismissal has prevented him from being received as a licentiate under our care, till the present sessions, and likewise has prevented the people of Morganton from preparing a call for Mr. Silliman to minister to them, and

Whereas, an elder from Morganton stated that for want of an ordained minister of their own the people are leaving that church, and joining other denominations, and further stated that the people are extremely desirous that Mr. Silliman should be ordained and become their minister; and that there is no doubt but that a call will be presented as soon as one can be drawn.

Therefore the Presbytery after mature deliberation, with sympathy for the destitute and suffering church at Morganton,

do urge that Mr. Silliman be ordained and installed as pastor of Morganton, or as an evangelist as may appear to them proper, when the Presbytery meets at Morganton.

Resolved, that Presbytery meet at Morganton on the Friday before the second Sabbath of November next for the ordination of Mr. Silliman, and for any other business that may come before them; that the Rev. Joseph E. Bell preach the ordination sermon, and that the Rev. James Stafford be his alternate; that the Rev. Jno. M. Erwin preside and give the charge and that the Rev. Daniel Gould be his alternate.

Ordered, that Mr. Silliman prepare a sermon on Mark, 1st chapter and 15th verse, latter clause, and a popular lecture on I Cor. 15th chapter, and 1st to 11th verses, inclusive, for examination as directed in our discipline.

Morganton, November 11, 1825.

Eddy absent (a call from the congregation of Morganton for the whole of the ministerial labors of Mr. John Silliman was presented and read.)

(The call from the congregation of Morganton was next taken up. After duly considering the call it was presented to and accepted by Mr. Silliman.)

Presbytery then proceeded according to the book of discipline in the examination of Mr. Silliman now a candidate for ordination. He was examined on experimental religion and his views and motives for entering the Holy Ministry. Being satisfied with the examination Presbytery then proceeded to take the different parts of trial usually required of candidates in such cases.

Morganton, November 12.

Mr. Silliman delivered a sermon from Mark 1:15, last clause, and a popular lecture from I Corinthians, 15th chapter, 1st to 11th verses, inclusive. These parts of trial were sustained. Mr. Bell appears. Proceeded in the examination of the candidate on Theology.

All these parts of trial sustained, Mr. Silliman having gone through the requisite trial and examination preparatory to ordination, and Presbytery being satisfied with his preparation for entering upon the discharge of all the duties of the Holy Ministry; therefore resolved that the Presbytery proceed to his ordination.

The candidate and congregation being answered in the affirmative the usual questions, and make the requisite promises by solemn prayer and the laying on of hands of the Presbytery, Mr. John Silliman was set apart and ordained to the whole of

the Gospel Ministry and by prayer and solemn charge installed pastor of the congregation at Morganton. The Rev. John M. Erwin offered up the ordination prayer and gave the charge to the newly ordained bishop. The Rev. Joseph S. Kilpatrick followed with a charge to the congregation.

The writer files with the records of the Session, a number of extracts from the minutes of Concord Presbytery, extending up to the year 1830. (Also list from 1830 to 1890). From these extracts it appears that Rev. John Silliman took an active part in the proceedings of Presbytery and a number of times presided at meetings of that body.

THE EDDY AND SILLIMAN SCHOOL IN MORGANTON.

True to their history as the pioneers in classical education, the Scotch-Irish settlers in Burke County established, under the accomplished scholar Mr. Eddy, who came direct from Londonderry, the first high school founded in Burke County, except, perhaps, a school where J. McKamie Wilson taught the children of his congregation, near his home on the old Alexander Erwin place. When Mr. Eddy gave way to Mr. Silliman, this school was conducted by Rev. Silliman, (who, as has already been mentioned, succeeded Mr. Eddy), with the assistance of Mr. Silliman's wife, who was herself a ripe scholar. Under the pastorate of Mr. Eddy, the old brick church, built on the foundation of the present church and constituting a part of it, was erected, as was the old brick academy, which stood upon what was afterwards the Wilson lot, opposite to the Episcopal church. This old Presbyterian church was the only church in Morganton for about twenty years, during which time the Baptists and Methodists were permitted to preach in it while the Episcopalians held their services in the courthouse.

The daughters of leading citizens of the western part of Burke County (which, then, was bounded on the northwest by the Tennessee line, and on the southwest by the line of Buncombe County), or many of them, were educated at this school. The ladies of the Brown family, including Mrs. James Avery, Mrs. William Murphy, and Mrs. Ephraim Greenlee, as well as the ladies of the Burgin, Carson, and Whitson families, and

perhaps some of the Greenlees, who were not sent to Virginia schools, were pupils at the Morganton Academy. Nearly all of the boys and girls who resided in and around Morganton at the time, were beneficiaries of this institution. Among them were Miss Cecilia Erwin, Mrs. Delia Erwin Hardy, Miss Mary Presnell (afterwards Mrs. Logan Carson), several young ladies of the Tate family, and others.

Mr. Silliman owned the farm on Silver Creek, afterwards owned by old Mr. John Caldwell and his son, Governor Tod R. Caldwell, which was known as the Silliman place and is now occupied by Mr. Silliman overlooked the cultivation of his farm and left the management of the school largely to Mrs. Silliman, who was a trained teacher and a ripe scholar, coming into town every morning during the sessions of school to assist her.

This school was continued by Rev. J. S. McCutchan, who succeeded Mr. Silliman, and the history of whose pastorate will be given later.

THE OLD PRESBYTERIAN CAMP-MEETINGS

Few of the staid, dignified Presbyterians of today who live in apprehension of the traveling evangelist's method of conducting service, are aware of the fact that the old fashioned camp ground with its log tents and brush arbors, was the conception of the early founders of the Presbyterian church in this county, and that their ancestors looked forward with pleasure to the enjoyment of a refreshing season at the annual meetings.

Silver Creek camp-ground was probably established as far back as the last years of the pastorate of Rev. J. McKamie Wilson, in the midst of a nest of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians composed of such families as the McElraths, Harbisons, O'Neils, Rosses, Gradys, Butlers, Morrisons, and Tates. They continued to hold yearly meetings there until the fall of 1844, when the meeting closed with the great freshet of that year. As the writer recalls the appearance of the ground, there were long rows of log-pole cabins extending around the east, north and west of the long parallelogram on which the arbor was erected with long rows of log seats extending to the preacher's

stand on the south. Many of the farmers had two cabins of good size, and a cooking shed or cabin for cooking was erected back of the camping place of every family.

Ministers came from as far east and south as Salisbury and Charlotte to minister to the scattered members, often living remote from churches, who erected tents in order to enjoy preaching for a week.

Probably, in the early part of the century, Rev. J. McKamie Wilson came back yearly to look after the spiritual welfare of his old friends. It is certain that, at a later day, Dr. R. H. Morrison, Dr. Henry Pharr (known as the High Priest), Dr. Penick, and others were welcomed almost every year by the people who attended these meetings. The writer recalls the fact that when his mother reached the river on her way home from the meeting of 1844 his father had her and her small children brought across the swollen Catawba in a large canoe.

The last Presbyterian camp-meeting was held at Quaker Meadows about the fall of 1852 or 1853. Rev. W. C. Sheets, pastor, and elder E. J. Erwin built log tents there at that time. The only other camping place was a very large wall tent put up there by the writer's father. About that time a new log church was erected there in place of the old church built there in the previous century, which was no longer fit for use. One of the cabins erected by Elder E. J. Erwin was converted into a schoolhouse by adding a chimney, and Mrs. R. K. Presnell and her contemporaries in the neighborhood were taught there.

The Methodist camp grounds in the neighborhood of Chesterfield in Burke County and Nebo and Crooked Creek in McDowell County, were established many years later than the Presbyterian camping places, as was the camp ground at Marvin. The splendid organization and the active and earnest work of the followers of Wesley, bore fruit in the building of churches and organization of congregations throughout the rural districts of Burke County in a few decades after they sent their circuit riders into its borders.

FURTHER NOTICE OF THE LABORS OF REV. JOHN SILLIMAN,
GATHERED FROM THE MINUTES OF CONCORD AND MORGANTON
PRESBYTERIES AFTER THE YEAR 1830.

On October 7, 1830, Rev. John Silliman and Elder A. L. Erwin represented the church of Morganton, and at this meeting a report of the ordination of Rev. Thomas Espy was made. Mr. Espy subsequently married Miss Tate, a granddaughter of Captain Bowman who was mortally wounded at Ramsaur's Mill, and Grace Greenlee Bowman, whose fame is perpetuated by a sketch of her in "The Women of the American Revolution." The only child of this marriage of Mr. Espy was Harriet Espy, the first wife of Governor Zebulon B. Vance. Mr. Espy and his wife both died early leaving their only daughter to be reared by Captain Charles McDowell.

Mr. Silliman continued to be an active and prominent worker in the church, often presiding at the meetings of Presbytery and being frequently assigned to supply neighboring destitute churches like Drusilla, which is located near Dysartville, in McDowell County; and at the meeting at Unity in the fall of 1831, where the Morganton church was represented by him and Elder Alfred Perkins, he was charged with the duty of supplying the church at Siloam, which seems to have been called, before the year 1800, Pleasant Gardens church.

At the meeting of Presbytery at Statesville in 1831, October 6th, notice was given of the death of Rev. John McKamie Wilson and appropriate resolutions were passed and recorded in the minutes. Again Mr. Silliman was appointed to preach one sermon at Siloam.

Mr. Silliman continued punctual in his attendance upon the sessions of Presbytery, generally accompanied by Elder Alfred Perkins until March 12, 1835, at the meeting at Prospect church, when the following minute is found in the proceedings:

A letter was received from the Rev. John Silliman assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present Sessions of Presbytery; and also requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation between him and the church at Morganton; and

Mr. Perkins, elder from Morganton, testifying to Presbytery the consent of the church to Mr. Silliman's request, therefore,

Resolved, that the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Silliman and the church in Morganton be and the same hereby is dissolved and that church declared vacant.

The minutes of Morganton Presbytery show that Mr. Silliman acted as moderator at two successive meetings of the Presbytery and preached the opening sermon. At a meeting at Asheville, August 17, 1836, Mr. Silliman's request to be dismissed to Kaskaskia Presbytery was granted.

Accessions to the church during the pastorate of Rev. John Silliman.—Miss Matilda Erwin is the only name we have, in the absence of record.

THE OLD CHURCH USED AS AUDITORIUM FOR POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS.

The modern member of our church, who considers cleanliness next to godliness, both in person and habitation—who feels a pardonable pride in the neatness and tidiness of our floors, seats and carpets, and admires the beautiful decorations of our walls, would be shocked at the thought of desecrating our church by the use of tobacco and the defilement of muddy feet. Yet, from the time when the old Presbyterian church was finished, until the stone courthouse was completed in about the year 1835, there was no other building that would accommodate an audience of large size, and it was thrown open for gatherings of all kinds. It was not uncommon in those days, to see the front of the pulpit covered with a string of pitchers filled with toddies or bottles full of strong drink for the use of speakers. A specimen gathering of this sort, called to condemn the course in Congress of Colonel Samuel P. Carson, was, some years ago, described in an article in reference to Colonel Carson, which was, in part, as follows:

An illustration of his power as a public speaker is found in the old story of his capturing a crowd called together at Morganton, early in the year 1833, to censure him for his course in opposing the administration, and endorsing the extreme views of Mr. Calhoun. A two days' meeting was announced

to be held in the Presbyterian church at Morganton, and on the first day Colonel B. S. Gaither, then quite a young man, delivered a prepared and well considered speech that, according to all accounts, did him great credit. The celebrated lawyer, Hillman, then lived in Morganton, and was esteemed by all who knew him one of the most profound thinkers and one of the best informed men upon all subjects, in the State. He was held in reserve for the second great day, when the resolutions were to be offered. To the surprise of all concerned and the dismay of many, Carson's carriage was driven rapidly through the village and to the church door, while the bell was calling the indignant clans to meet for the purpose of condemning his course. Always ready in an emergency, he took his stand in front of the pulpit, when the crowd gathered, and appealed to those present to say whether it was fair to convict him of misrepresenting his constituents without a hearing. The crowd voted in favor of allowing him to speak first, and then Hillman to reply. According to the custom of that day, Carson had before him a large pitcher, full of the finest French brandy toddy, while he was delivering a speech that abounded in flights of eloquence that charmed, scathing invective that made his opponents quake, while it contained a clear and logical presentation of the reasons upon which the Calhoun party relied to sustain the principle that Congress had no power to levy a tariff that would raise a sum more than sufficient to defray the expense of the government, economically administered, and the still more startling proposition that the States had the right to declare null and void a law enacted for the purpose of protecting particular industries. Whether Colonel Carson was moved merely by common politeness, or whether he had a strategic end in view, was never known; but whatever his purpose may have been, he poured out a glass of toddy for Hillman, and pledged his health in opening, and continued to replenish it, as the latter sat beside him, until, when Carson had held his audience for two hours, and then gave Mr. Hillman the opportunity to reply, the latter was unable to rise out of his seat. The day ended in a complete triumph for Carson.

PASTORATE OF REV. J. S. McCUTCHAN.

With the call and subsequent installation of Rev. J. S. McCutchan, such minutes, of the proceedings of meetings of the congregations and session of the churches of Morganton and Silver Creek, as have been preserved, begin (the two congregations constituting one church under the government of a

single session). The first records of meetings of the congregations and session that have not been lost or destroyed are as follows:

Chapel on Silver Creek, August 22, 1835.

The congregation met. After some deliberation,

Resolved to invite the Rev. J. S. McCutchan to preach to us one year to commence as soon as he can, and that subscriptions shall, as early as practicable, be taken up for his support.

Morganton, October 16, 1836.

After sermon, the congregation was informed by the Rev. H. N. Pharr, that their engagement with Rev. J. S. McCutchan expired at this time and it was necessary to know the will of the congregation in reference to his further continuance.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. J. S. McCutchan be invited to preach to us another year, commencing from this day.

Morganton, September 14, 1835.

After preaching the congregation was called to meet for the election of two additional elders; at the request of the existing Session. The meeting having been opened with prayer by the Rev. J. S. McCutchan, Messrs. W. McEntire and J. Harbison were nominated and unanimously elected as elders in this church. They refused to accept.

Sessional Records.

Morganton, N. C., May 23, 1835.

Session met. Constituted with prayer. Present, J. S. McCutchan, Moderator; W. W. Erwin, John Duckworth, A. L. Erwin, Alfred Perkins.

Mr. Wm. Alexander and Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander applied for admission to the privileges of the church and were examined on experimental religion. The Session being satisfied with their evidence of piety, resolved to admit them. Mrs. A. never having been baptized, Session directed that she be baptized tomorrow (see page 23). Session adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

J. S. McCUTCHAN, Moderator.

WILLIAM MCENTIRE AND JOHN HARBISON.

William McEntire, who is mentioned with John Harbison as having been elected elders, is the same who at a subsequent time expressed a purpose to leave a legacy of five hundred dol-

lars in trust to the members of the Session of the Morganton church. He died intestate, but his beneficent purpose was carried out by his heirs, who turned over to the Session five hundred dollars to be invested as a permanent fund, the interest on which should be applied to the payment of pastor's salary. Several such bequests have been since made.

William McEntire was a wealthy old bachelor who owned two of the principal squares in Morganton. The hotel in which he lived covered the ground on which the First National Bank now stands and he owned all of that square except the corner lot on which the Seagle store and dwelling house now stands. He was a brother of Mrs. Thomas Walton, the elder, and an uncle of Colonel T. G. and William M. Walton.

John Harbison was a leading member of his family and the ancestor of a large number of the most respectable citizens of Burke County, many of whom are active and useful members of other denominations.

Prior to April, 1835, Rev. J. S. McCutchan had been a resident of Fayetteville until licensed by Orange Presbytery. On April 29, 1835, he was dismissed from Orange Presbytery and joined Concord at a meeting of that Presbytery at Rocky River. After the call of the congregation was made as stated above, it appears that it was presented at a meeting of Concord Presbytery at Charlotte on October 12, 1835, and declined by him. The accounts of his transfer to Morganton given in the minutes of Presbytery and the records of the Session at Morganton are somewhat conflicting and confused. It appears that on a visit to Morganton on May 20, 1835, about a month after he joined Concord Presbytery, he presided over our Session and presumably preached at Morganton. He presided at successive meetings of the Session at Morganton in July and August of the same year. It seems that we may infer that he continued to supply that church until the meeting of Presbytery at Charlotte in October. This inference seems more reasonable because we find the following minute in the meeting of Presbytery at Prospect church, March 12, 1835:

A letter was received from the Rev. John Silliman assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present sessions of

Presbytery; and also requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation between him and the church of Morganton; and Mr. Perkins, elder from Morganton, testifying to Presbytery the consent of the church to Mr. Silliman's request therefore,

Resolved, that the pastoral relation between the Rev. John Silliman and the church in Morganton, be and the same hereby is dissolved and that church declared vacant.

A call from the church of Morganton was presented to Presbytery for the Rev. John S. McCutchan, a member of the Presbytery of Orange, with a request from the church for permission to prosecute said call before the Presbytery of Orange, and permission was accordingly granted.

Rocky River, April 29, 1835.

Rev. J. S. McCutchan was received as a member of Concord Presbytery from Orange Presbytery.

Mr. McCutchan came to Morganton two years after entering the ministry when he was quite a young man and unmarried. He boarded at the house of one of his elders, Mr. A. L. Erwin, the father of Miss Matilda Erwin who is still living and remembers him as preacher and teacher. He was thoroughly educated and followed in the footsteps of the early fathers of the church, Drs. Caldwell, Hall, William Bingham and J. M. Wilson in discharging the combined duties of classical teacher with those of minister of the Gospel, as did Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Hawfields, and Dr. Burwell, of Charlotte, at a later date. While pastor of the church at Morganton he was married to Miss Elizabeth

*Accessions to the Church and Elders Officiating During the
Ministry of Rev. J. S. McCutchan.*

At a meeting, May 23, 1835, at Morganton, J. S. McCutchan, Moderator, and Elders W. W. Erwin, A. L. Erwin, John Duckworth and Alfred Perkins, being present, Mr. William Alexander and Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander were admitted on examination to the church, and it was ordered that Mrs. Alexander be baptized.

On the following day Mr. Simeon C. Hilliard was admitted to membership on examination.

At a meeting in Morganton July 6, 1835, William W. Erwin,

John Duckworth, A. L. Erwin and Alfred Perkins, elders, being present, Miss Jane E. Perkins, Miss A. H. Greenlee and Miss Elmira Fleming were admitted to membership on examination.

At the chapel at Silver Creek, August 22, 1835, J. Duckworth, A. L. Erwin, and A. Perkins, elders, being present, Nancy Sorrels, Martha Throgmorton, Eliz. Ad. Harbison, Ann Small wood, Catherine McFalls, Mary K. Dickson, and Caroline (a colored woman belonging to W. C. Erwin) were admitted to membership on examination.

At a meeting at Morganton, April 16, 1836, Elders A. L. Erwin and Alfred Perkins being present, Miss Lucinda Ad. Massey was received on examination and the following persons on certificates: Mr. Jas. McKesson from Swannanoa, Mrs. Maria McKesson from Swannanoa, Mrs. Amelia Gaither from Tabor, Miss Emeline E. Gaither from Tabor. Cecelia (colored woman) from Baptist church at New Hope.

On August 27, 1836, at Silver Creek, Messrs. J. Duckworth, A. L. Erwin, and A. Perkins, elders, being present, Mrs. Mary Mooney was admitted on examination. On the following day Mr. Edwin W. Chambers was admitted on certificates from Rocky River church.

On September 10, 1836, at Silver Creek, Elders Perkins and Duckworth being present Jemima Grady, Elizabeth Neill, Wm. Harbison, Thos. Neill, Thos. A. Harbison, and Thos. S. C. Wade, were admitted on examination.

In Morganton, October 15, 1836, Elders A. Perkins, A. L. Erwin and J. Duckworth present, Mrs. Margaret Erwin and Miss Mary Presnell were admitted on examination.

At Morganton, December 25, 1836, Viney, a colored woman belonging to Mr. McEntire, was admitted.

At Morganton January 19, 1837, applications were made for the baptism of Mrs. Grady's three children, Theodore, William Butler and Alexander, and for Mrs. George Corpening's daughter, Delia Cecelia, which applications were granted. Mrs. Grady's children being baptized on February 4th, and Mrs. Corpening's child on February 6th.

On January 29, 1837, at Major Forney's, Miss Sophia Whisenant was admitted to the church on examination.

April 12, 1837, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander, Sarah Matilda, was baptized.

Sukey, a colored woman belonging to Mrs. Gaither, was admitted at Morganton, May 28, 1837.

At a meeting at Morganton, June 25, 1837, (Elders Duckworth, Perkins and A. L. Erwin being present) the baptisms of Edward Hamilton, infant of A. L. and M. G. Erwin, Maria Amanda, infant of Mrs. A. L. Massey, and Julia Maria, infant of Mrs. Sarah Margaret Chuun, were ordered to be performed after the sermon that day, which was done.

Miss Sarah Good was admitted at Silver Creek in August, 1837.

At a meeting of the Session at Morganton, September 8, 1838 (present J. S. McCutchan, Moderator, and Elders Alfred Perkins and A. L. Erwin), Mrs. M. R. Cozens and Miss Martha C. Cozens were admitted on certificate from Sharon church.

Session met at Silver Creek, October 7, 1838 (McCutchan, Moderator, and Elders Duckworth, A. Perkins and A. L. Erwin, present), where Mrs. Mary Bouchelle and Miss Leah Alexander were admitted on examination, and Mrs. Elizabeth T. McCutchan on certificate from Fayetteville church. The infant son of Mr. S. Good and wife, and the infant daughter, Sarah Douglas, of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. McCutchan, were baptized after the sermon.

At the meeting of Session at Morganton June 23, 1839, (Elders A. L. Erwin and J. Duckworth, present) applications were received from Mr. A. L. Erwin for the baptism of his daughter, Catherine Amelia, and from Mrs. B. S. Gaither for the baptism of her infant daughter, Delia Emma, which baptisms were ordered to be administered that afternoon and were then administered.

MORGANTON PRESBYTERY.

The question, whether it would be wise to divide Concord Presbytery, by cutting off from it the western counties and forming a Presbytery to be called Morganton Presbytery, is

now being discussed. But few persons know that substantially the same territory constituted from 1836 to 1840, the old Presbytery of Morganton, as will appear from the following extracts from the records of Concord Presbytery:

At a meeting of Synod in Salisbury, Saturday, October 17, 1835, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That a new Presbytery be and hereby is erected to occupy part of the territory heretofore occupied by the Presbytery of Concord, viz.: the counties of Ashe, Buncombe, Burke, Haywood, Lincoln, Macon, Rutherford, Wilkes, and Yancey; that the Presbytery thus erected be known and designated by the name and style of "The Presbytery of Morganton"; that "The Presbytery of Morganton" hold its first session in the town of Morganton in the County of Burke and State of North Carolina, commencing on Thursday, the 14th day of April, A. D. 1836, at 12 m.; that the Rev. John Silliman, or, in case of his absence, the senior minister present, open the meeting with a sermon and preside until a moderator be chosen, and that the said Presbytery afterwards meet on its own adjournments.

A true extract from the minutes of Synod.

COLIN McIVER, Stated Clerk.

At a meeting of the Synod at Danville, Va., at its fall session, 1840, a resolution restoring the territory mentioned, with the churches in its bounds, was passed, as appears from the following extract from the minutes of Concord Presbytery:

At the meeting of Synod of North Carolina at Danville, Va., in the fall of 1840, the Presbytery of Morganton was dissolved, in accordance with the request of Presbytery, and all its unfinished business, as well as its members, churches, and territory, thrown into the hands of the Presbytery of Concord.

The notice which will follow of his connection with Presbytery, is gathered from the minutes of both Presbyteries when he represented the church at Morganton in each of them.

Mr. McCutchan was no ordinary man. He was not only a ripe scholar and learned theologian, but a very spiritual man and impressive preacher. He was given prominence in almost every meeting of Presbytery from the time of his ordination. He was Stated Clerk at the first meeting he attended and at

many subsequent meetings and was repeatedly called upon to act as Moderator. The writer recalls the fact that the congregation, during his childhood, seemed to look back with pleasure to his ministry in the church. One of the unfailing evidences of the popularity of a minister as well as a physician is to be found in the number of namesakes in the territory which was the scene of his professional work. The Christian name, McCutchan was not an uncommon one, and will be found on the roll of Burke's enlisted soldiers. The records of the Morganton church show that he "commenced his labors" October 20, 1835, and "terminated his labors" in 1840, and that the Rev. James Kerr succeeded him in November, 1840.

It appears that he served a church at Goshen, but that is not mentioned in the list of churches served by him given in the minute of Concord Presbytery on his death. He died "in the harness," soon after breaking down under the arduous labor incident to conducting a revival in his own church. An obituary notice of him appears in the minutes of Concord Presbytery and is as follows:

The last of the fathers of the Concord Presbytery having fallen asleep, death has commenced his ravages amongst the younger brethren of the present generation. The name of Rev. John S. McCutchan heads the list of deaths from the existing members of this body. He died at Salem, Va., June 24, 1848, in the forty-first year of his age. He was ordained to the office of the gospel ministry in June, 1833. In 1831 he came into our bounds a licentiate of Orange Presbytery. He commenced his labors at Philadelphia church and for about seventeen years labored as pastor or stated supply at that place, Statesville, Morganton, New Hope, Bethany and Tabor. At most, if not all, of these places, the spirit of the Lord accompanied his ministrations and numbers were added to these churches.

The last of his ministerial services was in an interesting revival of religion in his own charge, where, in declining health, he labored beyond his strength, from which he retired to close his labors and die. His pious walk; his godly conversation; his meek and quiet spirit; his punctuality in all his ministerial engagements; his fidelity in maintaining the truth and declaring the counsels of God; his success in arousing the slumbering and alarming the careless; and directing the inquirer to the

Savior, claims from us a cherished remembrance from him as a chosen servant of the Lord, a faithful minister of the New Testament.

But his work is done. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him. When his health failed, and he was warned of approaching dissolution, he set out to visit the place of his nativity in Virginia to breathe his last under the paternal roof. But he was not permitted to enjoy that mournful satisfaction. In the midst of his journey, he fell asleep in Salem, Va., where his mortal remains repose, emblematical of that rest into which he has entered; and in the words of the attending physician, who witnessed his departure, "surely the end of this man is peace." Therefore

Resolved—

1. That the Presbytery recognize in this dispensation of Divine Providence a lesson of instruction from their Master to fulfill more faithfully the duties of the holy ministry and of warning to be also ready for their last account.

2. That we should feel called upon to labor more and pray more, that faithful men may be raised up to fill the places of those who are called away.

3. That it is our duty to emulate the zeal and imitate the labors and tread in the footsteps of those who have gone before us, wherein they have followed Christ.

4. That the Stated Clerk forward a copy of this minute to the family of Brother McCutchan and publish the same in the *Watchman* and the *Observer*.

H. N. PHARR,
E. F. ROCKWELL,
Committee.

REV. JAMES KERR.

The search for incidents in the pastoral life of Rev. James Kerr has proved less successful than the effort to find material for a sketch of his immediate predecessors at Morganton church. The minutes of the Session inform us that he took charge of the church in the fall of 1840, as successor to Mr. McCutchan. It is mentioned in the minutes of Presbytery of Concord that he represented the Morganton church at Steele Creek March, 1842, and was chosen Moderator at that meeting. If he appeared at any earlier meeting of that body the mention of the fact in the minutes has been overlooked.

He came to this State from Virginia. The writer's impression is that his last previous charge in Virginia had been in Augusta County.

At the first meeting of the Session held under his pastorate (Elders J. Duckworth and A. L. Erwin being present), Mrs. E. T. McCutchan, wife of Rev. J. S. McCutchan, was dismissed on certificate to join New Hope church in Lincoln County. The writer does not know, but inclines to the belief that New Hope is another name for Goshen. It appears in the proceedings of the Session that George Phifer Erwin, infant son of E. J. and Ann E. Erwin, was baptized December 23, 1840.

Accessions to the Church.

John McGuire and his wife Cynthia were dismissed by certificate and moved to the State of Arkansas.

On April 30, 1842, baptism was administered to Anna Elizabeth (afterwards Mrs. R. L. McConnaughey) and Laura Anna Walton (afterwards Mrs. Jones), daughters of William C. and Matilda Erwin.

At a meeting of Session August 20, 1842, (present James Kerr, Moderator, and Elders A. L. Erwin and J. Duckworth) Messrs. E. Jones Erwin and Elijah Grady, Mrs. Goodwin Bouchelle, and Miss Dorcas Harbison, were, on examination, received into communion of the church.

On August 29 baptism was administered to William Henry, infant of Dr. and Mrs. Deliah H. Hardy, of Asheville, by Bishop J. M. Wilson.

On September 11 of the same year (1842), Samuel Pinkney, infant of Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Fatima C. Tate, was baptized.

On December 24, 1843, Messrs. John Harbison and John McElrath, having been duly elected, were ordained to the office of deacon by prayer and laying on of hands.

On May 11, 1844, Messrs. Edward Jones Erwin, Elijah Grady, and Thomas Neill, having been duly elected, were ordained to the office of ruling elder by prayer and the laying on of hands.

At a meeting of Session at Silver Creek chapel on September 1, 1844, (Jas. Kerr, Moderator, and Elders E. J. Erwin, E. Grady and Thomas Neill being present), Mr. John Black, Mrs. Sarah Tate, Miss Hannah McElrath (daughter of John), Miss

Margaret McElrath (daughter of Robert), Mrs. Sarah and Jane Butler, were on examination received into the communion of the church.

At a meeting of the Session held at the house of Rev. James Kerr, who acted as Moderator, with Elders E. J. Erwin and T. Neill present, Mr. James Patterson Harper was, upon examination, received into the church.

At an adjourned meeting on the next morning, William Dickson was received upon certificate from the church at Raleigh.

Session met May 25, 1845, (James Kerr, Moderator, and Elders E. J. Erwin and T. Neill being present) Mr. William M. D. Howard and his wife Martha B. Howard, were received by certificate from Bethel church.

Session met at Silver Creek August 16, 1845, when Mrs. Elizabeth T. Avery and Maria Elizabeth Foster were, upon examination, admitted to the communion of the church. Baptism was administered to Wm. Jefferson, Mary Catherine, Rachel Elizabeth, and John Alexander, children of Robert and Sarah Tate; to John Martin, child of and Jane Butler; and to Lucinda Elizabeth, child of George and Polly Corpening.

At the meeting of Session August 26, 1845, Mrs. Alzira B. Jones was received on certificate from Little Brittain church. Baptism was administered to William Patton, Alzira Rebecca and Lawson McCutchan, children of Thomas and Alzira Jones. Mr. A. L. Erwin and wife, and Mrs. Mary Carson (formerly Presnell) were dismissed to connect themselves with the church then being formed at Marion.

August 31, 1845, baptism was administered to Emma Henrietta, child of Wm. and Matilda Erwin, and to Martha Matilda, infant of C. M. and E. T. Avery.

January 18, 1846, Sarah Elizabeth, infant of Alexander and Martha Harbison, was baptized.

Mr. Kerr was dismissed by Concord Presbytery, April 10, 1847, to join Transylvania Presbytery. He became pastor of Bethel and Burnsville churches near Lexington, Va. He died in Lexington, Va., and his widow married again and continued

to live there. The writer spent an evening at her home in the fall of 1865, where he met also her daughter, who was then a teacher.

REV. JOHN M. WILSON, JR.

Rev. J. M. Wilson, Jr., son of the distinguished pastor of Rocky River church, and his wife, Mary Erwin, was licensed at Bethel church, September 5, 1834. After serving acceptably several churches he was called to the Morganton church October 11, 1845. He was well known and loved by the members of this church. For some reason, however, he did not at first accept the call, but he subsequently accepted the call in November, 1845, and was installed as pastor April 23, 1846, Rev. H. N. Pharr and Rev. E. F. Rockwell officiating at the installation.

He was a man of sweet temper, a wise pastor, and a good preacher. After serving acceptably until October 3, 1851, he was dismissed at his own request, to the Presbytery of Missouri. He subsequently moved from that field to Texas.

Dr. Robert Tate, son of Dr. Samuel Tate, married his eldest daughter, Miss Mary Ann Wilson, and removed to Texas, where Mr. Wilson died. The writer has no information as to the date of his death.

*Praying That the Lord Will Send a Good and Useful
Preacher's Wife.*

The writer recalls an incident that occurred after Mr. Wilson was dismissed and before his successor was called and installed as pastor. The writer's mother was the oldest sister of a large family and naturally her six younger sisters deferred to her opinions and asked her advice. Three of the sisters were with her, when one of them, Mrs. Catharine Gaither, addressing her, said: "Sister, don't you think it would be wise for all of us to pray that Providence will give us a good preacher's wife, who will help build up the church?" All four sisters assented and agreed to pray for that blessing. The result has strengthened the writer's faith that God will grant special blessings to persons or communities in answer to prayer.

The two preachers' wives that came to the church after that

were the two old widows who have gone in and out before the church for so many years, and are still continued benedictions to it. Both have helped, by precept and example, to build it up. It may not be inappropriate to note here the further fact that the church at Morganton has continued up to the present time, to be exceptionally blessed in pastor's wives.

REV. WILLIAM C. SHEETZ.

Mr. Sheetz came in response to a call of our church on the 8th of April, 1852, from Winchester, Va., and brought with him his bride (née Lavinia Morton).

He was "examined, ordained and installed" at Morganton May 14, 1852, the Rev. R. N. Davis preaching the ordination sermon and Rev. H. N. Pharr presiding and poposing the constitutional questions to pastor and congregation; after which Rev. T. N. Paxton delivered the charge to the new pastor, and Rev. T. E. Davis delivered the charge to the congregation.

Mr. Sheetz and Elder E. J. Erwin represented the Morganton church at successive meetings of the Presbytery until shortly before the death of the former, but no action of special interest to the church at Morganton was taken at any of these meetings.

Mr. Sheetz's pastorate covered the period of the Civil War, with all its attendant demoralization. When the ranks of our Burke soldiers were thinned, and especially when the families of his church were called upon to mourn the loss of loved ones in battle, his heart went out to them in sympathy and love. His people loved him because he seemed to be in such close touch with them in bereavement.

His health was delicate and he suffered greatly from the beginning of his pastorate, but always tried to be cheerful and to avoid murmuring. Many of the relations of Mr. and Mrs. Sheetz participated in the Civil War and several of them fell after winning distinction under Beauregard, Johnson and Lee.

Mrs. Sheetz has been greatly afflicted by loss of her children, since the death of her husband. But she has realized the promise that she should be refined by the fiery ordeal.

Mr. Sheetz died February 28, 1870, but the church had no

pastor for some time, and until Rev. R. B. Anderson was installed. While the church was unsupplied many of its members contributed to help the beloved widow of their deceased pastor. She now lives with her son-in-law, Mr. W. C. Erwin and his wife, who is her only surviving daughter.

*Accessions to the Membership and Baptisms During the
Pastorate of Rev. W. C. Sheetz.*

At the times and places specified below and before the Sessions named below, the list of members joining on examination and on certificate, and the list of infants baptized, follows; and unless otherwise specified, the members of Session will be understood to be Rev. W. C. Sheetz and Elders E. J. Erwin, W. M. D. Howard and Thos. Neill:

Silver Creek—July 18, 1852: Miss Butler admitted on examination. Baptism administered to Mary Morton infant of W. C. and L. M. Sheetz.

Quaker Meadows—August 21, 1852: Harvey P. Whisenant and Miss N. A. Black admitted on examination. Mary Lenoir, infant of C. M. and E. T. Avery, baptized.

Morganton—October 2, 1852: Mrs. C. M. Avery, Mrs. L. M. Sheetz, and Miss Cecelia Howard admitted on examination.

Morganton—June 11, 1853: Miss H. J. Avery and Miss C. A. McDowell admitted on examination. (June 11, 1853) Annie H. and Corrinna I. infants of W. W. and C. M. Avery, baptized.

Morganton—September 12, 1853: Dr. John McK. Wilson Henson admitted on examination.

Morganton—September 14, 1853: Dr. John C. McDowell admitted on examination.

Morganton—September 18, 1853: Dr. W. C. Tate admitted on examination.

Morganton—September 24, 1853: Dr. Wm. S. Tate, Mrs. Rebecca Scott, Mrs. Rebecca Henson, Mrs. Margaret McKesson, and Miss Sarah J. Foster were admitted on examination.

Morganton—October 8, 1853: Miss Laura Avery, Miss Cecelia Deal, and Miss Emily M. Greenlee admitted on examination.

Morganton—April 29 1854: Miss Margaret McDowell admitted on examination. (July 30, 1854): Dilon J. Sheetz, infant of W. C. and L. M. Sheetz, baptized by Rev. W. W. Pharr.

Morganton—October 6, 1856: (W. S. Moore having been elected elder and being present) James Erwin, infant son of Dr. J. C. McDowell, Adelaide Matilda, infant daughter of Corinna M. Avery; Cora, infant daughter of W. S. and Mary Ann Moore, Sarah Matilda White, infant daughter of E. J. and A. E. Erwin, Isaac Thomas, infant son of Elizabeth T. Avery, Charles Finley son, and Anna Maria, daughter, children of Margaret McKesson, Wilberforce Ramsey and Melville, sons of Dr. S. H. Dickson, were baptized. William Chapman, infant son of W. C. and L. M. Sheetz, baptized by Dr. Chapman.

Morganton—April 11, 1857: Miss Laura Foster and Miss Mary Moore admitted on examination.

Morganton—September 13, 1857: Mrs. Elizabeth Greenlee admitted on examination. Ann Carson, infant daughter of E. J. and C. A. Kirksey baptized.

Morganton—January 10, 1858: Julia Gaither, infant daughter of W. C. and L. M. Sheetz, baptized.

Admission of Mrs. Clara McEntire During Her Last Illness.

January 12, 1858: Session met at the house of Wm. C. Erwin.

Mrs. Clara L. McEntire, who intended making application for membership to the Session at our communion season on the 10th, but was prevented by indisposition, and her desire to cast in her lot with the people of God by a public profession of her faith, and fearing from the continued progress of her disease that she would be deprived of the privilege, she applied to the pastor, who, under the circumstances, deemed it proper and his duty to convene the Session at the residence of her father, and being examined on experimental religion and the examination satisfactorily sustained, and she was admitted to all the privileges of the church, and at her urgent solicitation, the Lord's Supper was administered to her, and her two infant daughters, M. Matilda and Clara Ida, were baptized.

Morganton—July 29, 1858: R. P. Howard admitted on examination.

Quaker Meadows—First Sabbath in October, 1858: Miss Black admitted on examination. Thos. Dorsey and Isaac Moulton, sons of Harvey Whisenhant; Margaret E. and Wm. B., children of Dr. J. C. McDowell, were baptized.

Morganton—Fourth Sabbath in October, 1858: Miss M. C. Tate admitted on examination. Miss Catharine E. Tate admitted on certificate. Wm. Waighstill, infant of W. W. and M. C. Avery, baptized.

Morganton—April 4, 1859: Mrs. Margaret C. Moore received on certificate.

July 10, 1859: Lilla Poe, daughter of Mr. E. J. Kirksey, and Alice Morton, daughter of W. S. and C. Tate, were baptized.

Morganton—September 6, 1859: Daniel L. Forney admitted on examination.

Morganton—November 18, 1860: Miss Delia Emma Gaither admitted on examination. Mrs. Sarah Forney admitted on certificate.

Quaker Meadows—May 5, 1860: Isaac N. Forney admitted on examination.

Morganton—November, 1860: John Scott and wife admitted on certificate from Newton, and Mrs. Sarah M. on certificate from Concord.

April 31, 1861: Miss Martha Avery received on certificate from Greensboro church.

Quaker Meadows—July, 1862: Robt. Alexander, Jas. Alexander, and Louisa Forney admitted on examination.

Quaker Meadows—June 5, 1863: Clinton Black admitted on examination.

Morganton—October 13, 1863: Edwin McGuire, of Arkansas, admitted on examination.

Morganton—July, 1864: Mrs. E. T. Dickson received on examination and "her children were then all baptized at her request."

Morganton—June, 1865: Miss H. E. Avery and Mrs. Anna McConnaughey admitted on examination.

Morganton—October, 1865: Miss Susan A. Moore, Miss S. E. Alexander, Miss O. C. McGimpsey, Mrs. Laura C. Warlick and Mrs. Matilda B. Giles admitted on examination.

Morganton—June 25, 1866: Milly Gaither (colored, afterwards Milly Moore), admitted on examination.

Elder Howard and Family Dismissed to Drusilla.

Morganton—November, 1866: "W. M. D. Howard, Elder, and wife, Martha B., and son, R. P. Howard, were granted certificates of dismissal with a view of connecting themselves with the church at Drusilla."

Morganton—April 14, 1867: Adolphus Erwin, infant son of J. W. Wilson, and William Haywood, infant son of Dr. R. C. Pearson, baptized.

Quaker Meadows—July 7, 1867: Mrs. Sarah Ann McDowell and E. A. Perkins admitted on examination. Also Jos. F. Chambers and Mary Martha Chambers admitted on certificate from Fourth Creek church; and Mrs. Lou Wilson from Marion church; and Mary McKee Happoldt, infant of Mrs. Emilee Happoldt was baptized.

Sardis Church—July 21, 1867: E. P. Moore, Saml. H. Alexander and Miss Ann Elizabeth Pearson admitted on examination; and Mrs. E. P. Moore on certificate from Yorkville. Also Saml. B. Moore, and Laura Cornelia Moore, infants of Mr. John Moore, and Richard Springs Moore, infant of E. P. Moore, were baptized.

Morganton—August 1, 1867: W. F. Avery admitted on examination. W. S. Moore's infant daughter, Maggie Earle, baptized October 3, 1867; J. F. Chambers' infant daughter, Catharine Moulton, baptized January 12, 1868. D. J. Forney's infant son and daughter baptized January 6, 1868. B. Black's infant son, John Martin, baptized April 5, 1868.

REV. DR. R. B. ANDERSON.

Dr. R. B. Anderson and Dr. W. A. Wood, were, on examination, taken under the care of Presbytery, as candidates for the ministry at the same meeting. This was the beginning of the ministerial careers of two men, who were bound together as closely as David and Jonathan, till, upon the death of the former, Dr. Wood was called upon, with other close friends,

to conduct his funeral rites. Since the death of Dr. Wood they have doubtless had a reunion in a better land.

Dr. Anderson's mother was a Burton and that family has, from an early period, furnished prominent, talented and useful men who have distinguished themselves, especially as lawyers. One of the number was a distinguished Governor of the State, another a distinguished Methodist minister and presiding elder, and during our own times R. O. Burton rose to the head of his profession before he was cut down a few years ago when still a young lawyer. Dr. Anderson's father was of the best type of Scotch Presbyterian.

Dr. Anderson was distinguished for his singular self control, his sweet temper, and his prompt and wise decision when called upon to act or speak in reference to important questions that confronted him.

No pastor has ever been more admired, honored and beloved by a congregation, than was he by all of the members of his church and congregation at Morganton. His people did not wait to pass upon the propriety of his conduct after he acted, but were always ready to prophesy that he would do the wise thing.

His health was never good. He was feeble and nervous and often unable to prepare and deliver sermons. He repeatedly notified his people that he felt impelled to resign his pastorate, because he was not physically able to preach regularly, for three Sundays in a month as he had agreed to do. The writer recalls the fact that in response to one of these notices he was appointed as one of a committee empowered and requested to inform Dr. Anderson that they would greatly prefer to have him preach only one sermon a month and have the benefit of his counsel and example, than to have the whole time of any other man; and to inform him that it was in vain for him to try to dissolve the tie of pastor and people.

He was licensed at Third Creek church April 18, 1859, and was called to Bethel church at a meeting of Presbytery at Olney church April 10, 1862, which call he accepted. He afterwards served several churches, sometimes preaching out of the State, but the minutes of Presbytery contain no detailed ac-

count of his ministry before he came to Morganton. He was, especially in the early years of his ministry, distrustful of his ability and gifts as a preacher, and seemed utterly unconscious that he possessed the power and could command the beautiful and finished style of expression for which he was afterwards so noted.

He was happily married to Miss Jennie Thornwell, of Columbia, S. C., a daughter of the distinguished Dr. Thornwell of that place.

For some years he gave one fourth Sunday in every month to the church at Newton, the congregation of which were as devoted to him as his people at home. No man could ever have exercised a greater influence for good by precept and example on the citizens of a whole community, than he did upon the people of Morganton. When his peaceful end came it was eminently appropriate that his closest friends, Dr. W. A. Wood and Dr. W. W. Pharr and Dr. Rumble should have been invited to conduct the burial services.

The writer prepared a memorial and resolutions adopted by the congregation, after the death of Dr. Anderson and thinks he cannot now express the feelings of his people better than by adding the memorial and resolutions as they appear upon the minutes of the Session in the following language:

At a meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church of Morganton, N. C., held on the 8th day of December, 1889, the following paper was unanimously adopted:

Rev. Robert Burton Anderson, pastor of this church, was born in Granville County, N. C., on the 8th day of January, 1833. His father was a sturdy Scottish gentleman brought up in the faith and trained in the doctrine of the independent church of that country. His mother was a daughter of Col. Robert Burton whose family has been known and honored in the State for a hundred years. He was the only child of that marriage.

His classical training began under Dr. Alexander Wilson at the Caldwell Institute, at Hillsboro, N. C., and was finished at Princeton where he graduated in the year 1854, under the presidency of Dr. McLain. In the year 1856 he professed faith in Christ and determined ever thereafter to devote his life to the Christian ministry. He entered the seminary at Columbia, S. C., in October of that year and was instructed in theology by

the great Gamaliel of the Church, South, Dr. James H. Thornwell, until the year 1859, when he was licensed to preach the gospel by Concord Presbytery.

His connection with this church began in the year 1871 and continued for eighteen years and three months. The power of his preaching, the force of his example, and his wonderful wisdom and prudence, at an early stage of his ministry won the admiration of his people. In his work and conversation he reflected the divine light, given in secret communion with his Savior. No life has made an impression more profound, as a testimony of the sanctifying and elevating influence of God's grace upon the human heart.

But while his holiness, purity and patient submission to God's will were witnessed by the community in which he lived, his tender, touching love and sympathy for those who were in sorrow, was known only to this people, to whom he came commissioned to lead them to the divine Comforter.

We are persuaded that in the history of the church, there have been few if any, instances where pastor and people have been so closely bound together by the ties of love.

He has left those still on earth in tears, to receive the welcome of those who have already witnessed for his ministry as saints in heaven.

It is eminently fit and appropriate that, as a church, we should give expression to our sorrow, and thereupon it was resolved by the members, as well as the congregation of the Presbyterian church of Morganton.

1. That in the death of our beloved pastor this church and the community in which he lived, have suffered irreparable loss by being deprived of the benefit of his devoted example and the instruction and comfort of his ministry.

2. That the Presbyterian church of the South has lost one of its ripest scholars, most powerful preachers, most profound theologians, wisest counselors, and purest and best men.

3. That as a church we desire to bear testimony to his faithfulness as a minister and the beauty and loveliness of his Christian character.

4. That we tender our sympathy to his wife, who has so earnestly coöperated with him in every effort to advance the Kingdom of Christ; and we pray God to comfort her heart and bless this bereavement to her and her family.

5. That a copy of this memorial and these resolutions be furnished to the family of our beloved pastor and another to the Session of the church, with the request that they be recorded in the minutes of the Session as a lasting evidence of our affection and respect for him.

6. That a copy of this memorial and these resolutions be sent to the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, the *Southern Presbyterian*, and the *Morganton Herald*, with a request to publish.

Note.—Miss Margaret McDowell insists that according to her recollection, she was received into the church during the pastorate of Dr. Anderson in 1872. The minutes of the Session show that the Session was presided over for the first time of which we have any record, by Dr. Anderson as stated supply on April 7, 1873.

The minutes of Concord Presbytery, which the writer examined at Davidson College a few weeks ago, record the fact that Dr. Anderson was called at its session at Concord, October 14, 1874, and installed June 12, 1875.

In the memorial tribute embodied in the foregoing sketch it is stated that his connection with this church began in 1871. These conflicting statements can be reconciled with each other and with the clear recollection of Miss McDowell by stating that Dr. Anderson became stated supply in 1871, instead of in 1873, and while acting in that capacity Miss McDowell was received into the church in 1872.

It was during the pastorate of Dr. Anderson that Major J. W. Wilson and Col. S. McD. Tate contributed very generously to the church at Morganton in adding a new front to the building, which greatly improved its appearance and increased its seating capacity. Theirs was the most liberal donation of the kind made since the old church and parsonage were erected, more than a half century before.

Accessions to the Church, Baptisms and Election and Ordination of Elders and Deacons, During the Pastorate of Rev. R. B. Anderson.

Morganton—April 7, 1873: (Rev. R. B. Anderson, stated supply then, and Elders B. P. Moore and E. A. Perkins being present). Mr. J. C. Mallard, Mrs. Lucy A. Mallard, Mr. Wm. S. Mallard, Misses Ida and Mary J. Mallard received on certificate from Newton church.

Morganton—May 10, 1873: Mr. James Anderson received on examination.

Morganton—July 7, 1873: Miss Sarah B. Whisenant admitted on examination.

Morganton—August, 1873: Miss Cora Avery admitted on examination. Miss Nannie T. Anderson received on examination. Mrs. R. B. Anderson received on certificate from church at Columbia, S. C.

Morganton—October 4, 1873: Miss Mary McRee Happoldt admitted on examination.

Morganton—February 8, 1874: (Present Rev. R. B. Anderson and Elders E. A. Moore and J. C. Mallard). Mrs. A. C. Avery received on certificate from church at Unity.

September 12, 1874: Miss Sally Elvira Pearson and Miss Mary Craig Pearson received on examination.

September 13, 1874: Miss Mary Willis Wilson admitted on examination.

March 14, 1875: Mr. John Witherspoon Ervin and his wife, Mrs. Laura Ervin, with their children, McQueen, Elizabeth, John Conyers, Samuel James, Louise Nelson and Annie, received on certificate from church at Manning, S. C.

May 24, 1875: Miss Nancy Jones admitted on examination. Mrs. Annie Wylie Moore on certificate from Purity church in Bethel Presbytery.

June 29, 1875: Miss Mortie Sheetz received on certificate from Third Creek and Mrs. Corrie Lindsay from church at Lenoir. Mrs. Mary Lizzie Martin and Miss Dora Mallard received on examination.

September, 1875: Mr. Robert Perkins admitted on examination.

November 7, 1875: Mr. Robert Brown and wife received on examination.

November 14, 1875: Miss Annie Ervin received on examination.

March 12, 1876: Elder E. P. Moore and wife dismissed to Presbyterian church at Chester Courthouse, S. C.

March 26, 1876: Miss Jessie Corrina Chambers admitted on examination.

April 29, 1876: Misses Harriet Eloise Avery, Laura Avery and Alice Matilda Wilson admitted on examination.

July 30, 1876: Miss Emma McRee and Waightstill Avery admitted on examination.

October 24, 1876: Mr. Mallard and family dismissed to church in Asheville.

Janaury 7, 1877: Messrs. Saml. Tate Pearson, Burgess Gaither Pearson, and Alexander Wilson admitted on examination.

May 12, 1877: Misses Harriet Erwin Chambers, Sarah Elizabeth Happoldt, Lucy Greenlee Happoldt, Catherine Lee Sheetz and Mr. Charles Andrew Moore admitted on examination.

September 29, 1877: Mr. Jas. Edward Starke received on examination. Mrs. J. A. Dickson received on certificate.

September 30: Misses Ellen M. Grady, Minnie Happoldt, Adelaide M. Avery, and Julia G. Sheetz, and Mr. Wm. M. Moore received on examination.

October 14, 1877: Miss Lizzie Milne and Mrs. Rachel E. Cosbey received on examination.

December 1, 1877: Mr. R. K. Presnell admitted on examination.

April 27, 1878: Dr. Robert C. Pearson admitted on examination.

April 28: Jefferson Brown (colored) admitted on examination.

August 23, 1878: Judge A. C. Avery received on examination. Also on examination Hagar J. Brown, (colored). Miss Eloise A. Colton received on certificate from church at Spencer Academy.

May 24, 1879: Robert A. McNeely and Eliza W. Anderson admitted on examination.

November 2, 1879: R. K. Presnell and A. C. Avery ordained and installed as elders, and R. C. Perkins as deacon.

February 22, 1880: Stephen C. Worth and wife, Lovie Worth, admitted on examination, and Mrs. Lizzie Tull received on certificate.

April 5, 1880: Mrs. Louisa Forney Spainhour received on certificate from Lenoir. Mr. John W. Ervin and wife, Laura,

and children, McQueen, Louisa and Annie, dismissed to church at Wilkesboro.

May 9, 1880: Mournin Crisp (colored) received on examination.

October 10, 1880: Mrs. Elizabeth Crawley received on examination.

August 28, 1881: Mr. Saml. McD. Tate admitted on examination.

September 11, 1881: Miss Sally Michael admitted on examination.

September 25, 1881: Mrs. Mary Jane Sherman and Mrs. Josephine Boyd admitted on examination.

Morganton—April 23, 1882: Mr. William Boger and wife, Mrs. Emily Gertrude Boger, received on certificate from church at Marion.

May 28, 1882: W. A. Ross admitted on examination. Also Sallie Johnson (colored) on examination.

September 21, 1882: Miss Heloise Bristol received on certificate from church in Huntsville, Tex. Dr. George H. Moran admitted on examination.

September 23, 1882: Miss L. E. Wilson admitted on examination. Also on examination Rufus Avery (colored).

September 26, 1882: Miss Laura Moore admitted on examination.

July 13, 1883: John A. Gilmer admitted on certificate from church in Alamance County, Orange Presbytery.

March 11: Mr. Lawrence Lafayette and Mrs. Mary Ann Dietz admitted on examination.

March 25: Mrs. Sarah F. Gaither received on certificate from Methodist church. Mr. S. J. Ervin dismissed to church at Wilkesboro.

April 15: "Dismission was granted at her own request to Miss Lizzie Ervin, now, Mrs. Lizzie Kennedy."

April 29: W. H. Pearson admitted on examination. Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Murphy on certificate. Mr. A. D. Gibbs on certificate from Methodist church.

October 14: Mr. W. Forney admitted on examination.

July 23, 1884: Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Greenlee dismissed to Honey Grove church, Texas.

February 24, 1884: Miss Minnie McCormick dismissed to Gastonia church.

August 3, 1884: Mr. L. L. Dietz and wife, and their baptized children dismissed to Shelby church.

January 10, 1885: Miss Lucy Caroline Grady admitted on examination.

April 9: Mrs. Eloise Colton dismissed, with her children, Moulton, Lizzie, James, Susan and Henry, to join another Presbyterian church.

April 26: Mr. John A. Dickson admitted on examination. Miss Mary C. Perkins received on certificate from Raleigh.

August 8, 1885: Admitted on examination Miss Annie L. Presnell, Miss Maggie Evans Moore, Miss Laura McConnaughey, Miss Minnie McConnaughey, Miss Kate Lenoir Chambers.

January 24, 1886: Miss Heloise Bristol Borden dismissed to Wilson. Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt admitted on examination.

February 6, 1886: Miss Julia Tull admitted on certificate from church at Philadelphia, Pa.

February 7: Mr. John Gray Bynum admitted on examination.

April 9: Mr. Pink Forney admitted on examination.

July 7: Mrs. Carolina Marsh and Moulton A. Colton were admitted on examination.

July 11: Miss E. C. Perkins admitted on certificate from Statesville.

October 24: Mr. Alexander Shuping admitted on examination.

November 14: Miss Helen H. Scott admitted on certificate.

December 5: Mr. E. F. Reid admitted on examination.

December 9: Mrs. Mortie Collins dismissed to Philadelphia church.

March 3, 1887: Mr. Conyers Ervin dismissed to Haywood church.

March 27: Miss Kate McDowell admitted on examination.

December 11, 1887: "A three months leave of absence from

ministerial duties was given Mr. Anderson to take a trip to Florida for the benefit of his and his daughter's health." C. P. Erwin admitted on examination. Mrs. Katie Lee Erwin dismissed to church in Lenoir.

December 20: Miss Cora Wilson admitted on examination. Mrs. Eliza J. Higgins on certificate from Methodist church.

July 29, 1888: W. C. Sheetz admitted on examination.

September 2, 1888: "The officers elected were ordained and installed viz.: G. P. Erwin, J. G. Bynum, J. A. Gilmer and W. H. Pearson, as elders; and J. A. Dickson, W. A. Ross and E. F. Reid as deacons."

November 11, 1888: Mr. J. R. Anderson admitted on certificate from church at Castania Grove.

March 17, 1889: Miss Dorcas E. Davidson admitted on certificate from church at Providence.

July 29: Miss Minnie Boyd admitted on examination. Mrs. E. J. Higgins dismissed to join Asheville church.

August 5, 1889: Miss Sudie Presnell, Miss Annie P. Erwin, Miss Julia Tull and Miss A. Beulah Wilson admitted on examination.

August 11: Mr. John W. Erwin and Samuel J. Erwin received on certificate from church at Wilkesboro.

August 25: Miss Matilda Erwin and Miss Mary Ann Erwin received on certificate from Marion church.

September 26: Rob McNeely dismissed to South Carolina church.

October 26: Mr. Hamilton Erwin admitted on examination.

October 27: Miss Lizzie Avery received on certificate from Newton. Mrs. Harriett Mooney Giles admitted on examination, and children Thomas Alexander, Millard Jefferson, Nancy M., Charley Mack Giles, were baptized.

REV. J. P. MARION.

Rev. J. P. Marion came to North Carolina from the Synod of South Carolina and after serving here for a very short time removed to South Carolina or Georgia. We have been able to gather very few facts as to his history, either from the minutes

of Concord Presbytery, or from any other sources, and hence this sketch must necessarily be short and meagre.

The suggestion that the First Presbyterian church of Morganton should invite Mr. Marion to act as temporary supply, came when Dr. Wood was visiting and supplying the church of his deceased friend, and when he was called upon to act as Moderator of the Session.

When at the meeting of Session, Dr. Wood was asked what he knew of Mr. Marion, and whether he thought it advisable to call him, he said that he did not know Mr. Marion personally but had heard competent judges say that he was an unusually forceful pulpit orator and a scholarly man, as well as an exemplary Christian. He advised that the congregation invite him to visit and preach to our people with a view to a call. Mr. Marion came in response to an invitation and preached for the church and presided over meetings of Session for four successive Sabbaths, during September and the early part of October, 1890. He verified all that Dr. Wood had heard and reported as to his preaching. His sermons were clear and logical and spiritual and were models of style. The congregation was more than pleased with him.

He was called October 13, 1890, accepted and was subsequently installed, but no account of his installation has been found in the minutes of the Session or congregation or of Presbytery.

Elder W. P. Fife.

A sensational feature of the ministry of Mr. Marion grew out of revival services conducted by Mr. Fife in a large tent in Morganton, at which scores of persons made profession of religion and were received into the various churches of Morganton and elsewhere.

Mr. Marion did not attend or participate in these meetings and absented himself from the town during most of the time when they were being held. He was represented to be opposed to the method of conducting these meetings, because of the excitement. But while he made no public statement in regard to it, as far as the writer recollects, he did state that he was suffering from nervous debility and in his feeble condition

could not stand the excitement necessarily incident to participating in the meeting. It was thought that he was opposed to holding them and this impression gave rise to some criticism.

Mr. Maron, acting upon the idea that his services were no longer desired by the congregation, tendered his resignation at a meeting held immediately thereafter. The members of the congregation, by a large majority, expressed their confidence in him and agreed to send Elder Bynum to Presbytery to oppose his dismissal at his own request. It is stated in the minutes of Presbytery that Judge Bynum made an eloquent speech in opposition to any agreement on the part of Presbytery to grant his request. A small number of the congregation who opposed sending a delegate to oppose the dissolution of the pastoral tie, were influenced by the belief that a pastor was always the best judge of what was his duty in such matters, and that such a request ought always to be granted.

Mr. Marion returned to the church and continued to act as pastor for some time thereafter, until about the day of

. A discussion in the church newspapers ensued, as to the proper method of conducting revival services, as to the right of non-commissioned evangelists or of any minister not sent out by authority of a church making appointments and holding revival services.

After revising the list, especially of young people, who connected themselves with the church soon after, which list will be hereto appended, one who has a full knowledge of the facts will state without hesitation that a smaller proportion of this number failed to live up to their professions, as of the aggregate number admitted at intervals during the ministry of most of our pastors. To unsweepingly condemn courthouse meetings, revivals conducted by ministers or others not sent out by church authorities, or distinguished divines invited to hold such meetings, is to assume a very grave responsibility when we look at the results traceable to such services in many instances. Our worthy elder, W. A. Ross, made a profession of religion at a meeting held in the courthouse by a traveling Methodist preacher with whom the pastor of his own

church did not deem it proper to coöperate. Mr. G. P. Erwin professed religion at a revival meeting held in Salisbury by the evangelist Pearson who was a Cumberland Presbyterian but was not sent out by his church. Another officer of the church dates his change to a union revival meeting held in the courthouse. As to methods, the writer recalls the fact that when a school boy he attended a meeting at the old Hawfields church, where the minister followed what was credibly stated had been custom for a hundred years, since the time of Dr. Caldwell, in resorting to the call to the mourners' bench.

Some of our people condemned Dr. Guerrant for calling on young people to come forward and give their hands. Yet amongst the converts at that meeting are exemplary members of our present congregation and one little girl whose triumphant death was the subject of much comment.

The foregoing has been written in a spirit of tolerance for divergent views of Christian people and is intended to inculcate the view that methods should be left to the consciences of the various workers who may be striving to attain the same end.

After severing his connections with the Morganton church Mr. Marion returned to South Carolina, and perhaps served a congregation in Georgia. But we have been unable to get the facts. He died several years ago. He was an able preacher and an exemplary man and minister.

Accessions During the Pastorate of Mr. Marion.

September 28, 1890: Miss Claude Sherman and Messrs. J. H. Reid, Donald McKenzie, Earl Ross, and J. P. Marion received on examination.

October 2, 1890: Misses Bessie Pearson, Sudie W. Avery, Kate McConnaughey, and Mr. John Tull were admitted on examination.

October 5, 1890: Messrs. Erwin Avery, Waightstill Chambers, Joseph Tull, Joseph Avery, Alphonso Avery, Alfred Avery, J. A. Presnell, Robert G. Presnell, and Miss Claude Tate and Miss Wilhelmina Tate were admitted on examination. Also on examination, Mr. Robert Forney, Mr. Walter Forney, and Miss Julia Forney, Miss Lizzie Perkins and Mrs.

Nancy Swift, Robert C. Pearson and Miss Corrinna M. Erwin.

October 9, 1890: Mr. Murtrie Folsom and Miss Lizzie McDowell admitted on examination.

October 12: Mr. W. G. Corpening, W. B. McDowell received on examination, and Mrs. W. G. Corpening on certificate from Asheville. Also on examination Miss Nancy McNeely.

October 26: Miss Alice Thompson received on examination.

November 27, 1890: Elder W. H. Pearson dismissed to church at Basic City, Va.

December 21, 1890: G. H. Moran and W. A. Ross elected elders, (first Sabbath in January next set for ordination and installation): Mrs. Mary Kent dismissed to church at Lenoir.

January 4, 1891: Dr. G. H. Moran and W. A. Ross ordained and installed elders. On certificate from Congregational church, Newton, Mass., Mr. William Camp, Mrs. Rosa Camp, Mrs. Harriet Camp, and Mr. Edwin Camp.

March 15, 1891: I. T. Avery, S. J. Ervin and Donald McKenzie ordained and installed as deacons.

REV. DR. J. M. ROSE.

Dr. J. M. Rose was called as pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Morganton in May, 1893. Before giving a more minute and detailed account of his installation and of his subsequent ministry, it is deemed more appropriate to give a succinct account of the dates at which he has served various congregations as well as of his birth, early education and training for the ministry.

Dr. John M. Rose was born in Fayetteville, October 6, 1849, received his academic training in the old Donaldson Academy in Fayetteville, where so many good and distinguished sons of North Carolina have first been taught to think and to express their thoughts elegantly and eloquently. He entered Davidson College in September, 1864, and subsequently joined the Junior class of the University of North Carolina in August, 1867. Even our grand old University became the football of politics and was reconstructed by the mixed throng that took charge of the State in 1868 and placed in the hands of teachers who were either utterly incompetent as instructors or were unfit at least for the duties which they were assigned to perform. In view

of the situation Dr. Rose declined to accept a diploma which was tendered him in 1869. He taught school until the fall of 1870 when he entered Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sidney, Virginia. He graduated from that institution May, 1873. He joined Fayetteville Presbytery in June, 1872, and was put in charge of Big Rockfish and Sherwood churches for the summer months.

Dr. Rose began his active ministry in Charlotte, N. C., in July, 1873 as a city missionary in the employment of the First Presbyterian church of that city. He was ordained by East Hanover Presbytery (Synod of Virginia) December 7, 1873, and at the same time was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portsmouth, Virginia. He became the pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Memphis, Tenn., in February, 1881, and of the Presbyterian church of Goldsboro, N. C., in February, 1883.

He was called to the pastorate of Washington Street church (now called First Church) of Greenville, South Carolina, in April, 1886, and served that church till October 1, 1891, when he became one of the general evangelists of the Synod of North Carolina. He became the stated supply of the First Presbyterian church of Morganton in May, 1893. A more minute account of his installation may be given hereafter. He continued in that charge till October, 1899, when he removed to Laurinburg where he is still, at the end of thirteen years, serving a large and growing congregation.

We find in the minutes of the Session of the church, the following account of the installation of Dr. Rose:

On motion the clerk was instructed to incorporate in the minutes the following statement, that on the third Sabbath of November, 1893, the Rev. J. M. Rose, Jr., was regularly installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Morganton by a committee appointed by Concord Presbytery, consisting of Rev. W. A. Wood, D. D. and Rev. C. M. Payne, D. D. Dr. Wood presided and propounded the constitutional questions. Dr. Payne preached the sermon and delivered the charge to the pastor, and Dr. Wood charged the people.

Dr. Wood had become bound by ties that he never would consent to dissolve, to the church at Statesville. Up to the day of

his death he watched with tender solicitude over the congregation that had been served by his friend, Dr. Anderson and was always ready to comfort and help his people.

Dr. Rose came to our church well equipped for the most useful pastoral work. After receiving a thorough education and training at the best educational institutions of the land, he had served several congregations in cities and towns and in the rural districts and was just winding up his labors of many years as a general evangelist, whose field was the whole State. It is said that Moody told a young preacher who, after the lapse of twelve years spent at classical schools, colleges and theological seminary, when he appealed to him for advice, that the wisest thing he could do would be to start out as a peddler of something, preferably good books, and mix with the country people in every part of the State and make himself familiar with their mode of life, their habits of thought, and their virtues and vices. Dr. Rose in his higher calling had been able to acquire such knowledge of human nature by mixing with all classes as evangelist. He was, when he embarked upon that work, one of the best Bible scholars and theologians in the State, and was surpassed by no one in the knowledge of the creed of his own church and in the peculiar rules of procedure for the parliamentary government of its higher courts. He was already earnest, laborious and spiritual. His last experience had made him an unusually practical speaker. It is not surprising that during his pastorate of many years, he proved an impressive and useful minister. He felt called upon, for reasons satisfactory to his own conscience, to accept other work, but the writer feels little doubt that both he and not a few of the members of the church at Morganton have occasionally felt a pang of regret when they recalled the dissolution of the tender relations that once existed between them.

Accessions to the Church, Elections of Elders and Deacons, and Baptisms, During the Pastorate of Rev. John M. Rose.

June 9, 1893: Moulton Avery Phifer and Mrs. D. A. Gash and Miss Annie Gash received on certificate.

June 29, 1893: Mr. H. B. Sprague, Mr. J. T. Thomason,

Mrs. Mamie S. Rose, Miss Annie Rose, and Master Hugh Rose received on certificate.

June 30, 1893: Mrs. Hallie Wilson received on examination.

July 2, 1893: Mr. Frank McDowell received on certificate.

July 23, 1893: Miss Martha L. Sherman received on examination.

August 7: Mrs. E. Emma Whisenant received on examination.

September 24: Mrs. Nancy J. Walker received on certificate.

October 5: Charles E. Ross received on certificate.

October 29: Mrs. Mary Martha Thompson received on examination and her children baptized.

December 5, 1893: Rev. J. M. Rose installed as pastor. Mrs. Mamie Moore Walton and Mrs. Hattie Berger received on certificate.

December 9, 1893: Mr. William Berger received on examination.

June 30, 1894: Miss Jennie Weeta Presnell received on examination.

July 8, 1894: Cornelia E. Powell, Lillie C. Amos, and Wm. J. Swift admitted on examination.

November 18, 1894: Maggie Duckworth admitted on examination.

January 1, 1895: Mrs. Lillian W. Avery received on examination and Mrs. Alice Ross on certificate.

March 3: Mr. L. H. Query received on examination.

April 21: Mr. Edward W. Phifer received on examination.

July 30: Mrs. Sue W. Taylor received on certificate.

September 12: W. H. Pearson received on certificate.

January 22, 1896: Charles J. Bard received on certificate.

March 24: Mr. W. A. Leslie, Mr. T. P. McKoy and Mrs. Annie L. Reid received on certificate.

April 11: Miss Lillian Gray Giles received on examination.

July 24: Mr. Edwin G. Hurd admitted on examination.

October 18, 1896: Mr. William J. Ross received on certificate.

November 1: Miss Carrie R. Stimson received on certificate.

December 20, 1896: Mr. Hugh Graham Miller and Mr. Robert Craton Miller received on examination.

October 9, 1897: Miss Marguerite Nicol admitted on examination.

October 10, 1897: Miss Margaret Edith Presnell, Miss Addie Avery Erwin and Miss Mary Burgin Presnell admitted on examination.

February 6, 1898: Mr. Neil D. McCormick admitted on examination.

April 1: Miss Irene Tate admitted on examination.

April 3: Misses Rosa Ross, Maud Phifer, Nannie T. Pearson and Lucy Laxton, and Mr. Willie Rose admitted on examination.

July 3: Edward Jones Erwin admitted on examination.

October 23: Mrs. Edna Barthold Kistler received on certificate.

February 15, 1899: Mrs. Pattie T. Hague received on certificate.

June 25: Mr. Isaac Avery Phifer received on examination.

October 1: Mr. Lewis J. Webber and wife received on certificate.

October 15, 1899: Miss Annie Rankin Moran received on examination.

December 31, 1899: Miss Bessie Dickson received on examination.

REV. THORNWELL JACOBS.

Rev. Thornwell Jacobs was born at Clinton, South Carolina, in the year 1877. He is a son of Rev. Dr. Jacobs who was the founder of the Thornwell Orphanage there, which he managed for many years and made one of the most useful and beneficent institutions of the kind in the United States. Dr. Jacobs was instrumental in the establishment of Clinton College, of which he became the president and the successful manager.

Rev. Thornwell Jacobs was named, as was the orphanage, for probably the ablest, most learned, powerful, and influential preacher who has ever lived within the bounds represented by

the Southern Presbyterian church. Dr. Thornwell served leading churches, was president both of South Carolina University and the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Columbia, and it is a remarkable endorsement of the versatility of his talents, that the State of South Carolina, always noted for the ability of her statesmen, should, at the most critical period of the Civil War, have chosen him, because of the confidence of the people in his wisdom, to represent that State in the Senate of the Confederate States.

Rev. Thornwell Jacobs began his education at Clinton, S. C., under the watchful eye of his good father, graduated at that college in 1894 and subsequently at Princeton University and at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1899, and was the same year called to the Presbyterian church, Martinsville, Va.

We find in the minutes of the Session of our church of the date of March 6, 1900, the following:

On motion it was ordered that the action of Rev. C. A. Monroe, chairman of the Home Mission Committee, in assisting the Session in securing the services of Rev. Thornwell Jacobs, of Clinton, S. C., as stated supply for this church for three months, be and the same is hereby approved.

After serving the church as stated supply for three months, Mr. Jacobs was called, and was installed in June, 1900. He entered into the work with great zeal, earnestness and enthusiasm. His influence over his people was almost unprecedented and seemed to be magnetic.

The church owed more than two thousand dollars, a balance due for the manse and for which its note was outstanding. The creditors had naturally grown impatient of delay and were pressing for payment. The debt was a burden which tried the members and they had become almost unanimous in favor of selling the manse and buying a cheaper one on a smaller lot. Mr. Jacobs insisted that the debt should and would be paid in a short time. He roused the congregation to enthusiasm and by means of unexpectedly liberal contributions and raising money from railroad excursions, festivals and by every means considered proper and legitimate, the debt was discharged in a few months. Such a service, in the financial line, has not been ren-

dered to this church in the time of those now living, and was remembered and appreciated by the congregation at a later date, when as we shall see, Mr. Jacobs asked for consent to be dismissed to other work.

Later in his ministry, Mr. Jacobs, assisted by the grand old missionary of the mountains of Kentucky, Dr. Guerrant, held protracted revival services in the church, and many good and useful members were brought into the fold of the church, as will appear from a review of the list of accessions, which follows this sketch. Dr. Guerrant is thought by some of the leading divines of our church to have been instrumental in accomplishing the most important work that has been done under supervision of our General Assembly within a generation past. Mr. Jacobs entered into the work with him with an earnestness and enthusiasm that brought coöperation from his church generally. While a few were so extreme as to disapprove of calling upon persons interested to stand up or extend their hands to the minister, all opposition eventually subsided in view of apparent good results. Among the converts who were added to the church was a sweet little girl who some months later died a triumphant death. She seemed to be looking into heaven and communing with friends who had recently died.

When, on July 9, 1902, Mr. Jacobs asked the congregation to agree that he should, in accordance with the request of his father, be dismissed in order to accept the vice-presidency of the Thornwell Orphanage, the congregation reluctantly acceded to his request because they felt the force of the appeal which came from a man who had founded a great orphanage and, in every trying hour of its existence, when there seemed no hope of raising means to maintain it, had prayed with confidence for what was needed and seen his prayers answered often in the most unexpected way. Prior to that time, however, when, on April 20, 1901, Mr. Jacobs had asked to be dismissed to accept a call to the church at Gaffney, S. C., the congregation had shown its appreciation of him by passing the following resolution:

Whereas, our beloved pastor, Rev. Thornwell Jacobs, has received a call from the Presbyterian church at Gaffney, S. C.,

and whereas we are anxious to give voluntary expression of our views upon the question of his severing his relations with the First Presbyterian church of Morganton, it is now, therefore,

Resolved, That, as a congregation, we have watched with thankful interest the good work which he has already been instrumental in doing for our church, in arousing the members to activity in Christian work, in bringing new membership into its fold, and arranging for the payment of the debt, a burden which has hung so heavily upon the church, and that we find in his plans for mission work in various fields in this section, encouragement for the hope that great good may be accomplished, if he should be permitted to carry them out.

Resolved, That we earnestly request him to refuse to sever the ties that bind him to his people, not only because of their love for him, and their united desire that he should continue to labor for and with them, but because of the new fields that seem to be opening up for his usefulness around us.

Resolved, That though this meeting has been called by the members of the congregation, and not at the instance of the Session, the Session be requested by the secretary to record these resolutions and the proceedings of this meeting, on its minutes before the next meeting of Concord Presbytery.

After discussion of Judge Avery, Mr. I. T. Avery, and others of the efficient service of the pastor, the resolutions were unanimously adopted by rising vote.

After the pastoral relation of Mr. Jacobs with the church at Morganton was dissolved, he was united in marriage with Miss Maude Lesh, of Boston, Mass., a lovely and accomplished lady, whom he had met at Morganton. After remaining at Clinton and assisting his father by teaching and preaching until the latter's health was restored, Mr. Jacobs devoted himself to charitable and literary work. He moved first to Nashville, where he contributed to papers and magazines, and published a number of interesting stories and a small volume of poems which have been kindly received by the public. Some of these volumes would be noticed more particularly if we had the list and the books before us. He wields a facile pen. He now resides in Atlanta, Ga., and is the editor of *Westminster Magazine* and Secretary of a movement to refound Oglethorpe University.

The writer regrets that Mr. Jacobs is not now engaged in

the active work of the ministry, and hopes that he is only temporarily engaging in other work, however useful his labors may prove.

*Accessions to the Church During the Pastorate of
Rev. Thornwell Jacobs.*

March 18, 1900: Mr. Z. T. Corpening received on examination.

March 25, 1900: Mr. John Martin received on examination.

April 1, 1900: Miss Hope McAlpine received on examination.

April 8: Mrs. Grace Bell received on examination.

April 15: Mr. Howard McP. Hofstetter and wife, Ollie M. received on examination.

April 22: Miss Leah Moore Howard received on examination.

May 13: Miss Loula Knight received on examination.

May 20: Miss Augusta May Chapman received on examination.

June 17: Miss Lucinda Harmon received on examination.

June 24: Miss Rosa Siegel admitted on examination.

July 1: Mr. and Mrs. Jarret received on examination.

July 8: Mrs. E. J. Chapman and Miss Nancy Harmon received on examination.

July 22: Misses Caroline Chapman, Sallie Powell, Lily Jane Seagle, and Miss Claudia Cordelia Wilson received on profession.

August 12: Mr. W. P. Mabe received on examination. Miss Mae Murphy received on certificate.

September 3: Mrs. W. P. Mabe, Edgar Lee Mabe, and Isaac Mabe received on examination.

November 4: Miss Eliza Powell and Miss Elizabeth Powell received on examination. Mrs. Cora Pearson received on examination.

April 5, 1901: Mrs. O. A. Betts, Miss Kate Pearsall and Mrs. L. M. Hull received on examination.

May 19, 1901: Dr. L. H. Cartledge on certificate, and Gordon Tate, Robert Phifer, Isaac Tull, Catherine Ervin, Eloise Ervin, Fredreeka Burr, Mr. H. A. Howard, Helen Howard,

Morton Ervin, Robert Anderson, Hugh Howard, Julia Ervin, and Julia Presnell on examination.

July 7: Mr. Charley Johnson and wife, Mrs. Mary L. Johnson, Miss Elsie Johnson, Miss Nellie B. Johnson, Mr. Luther Johnson, Mrs. Nancy Branch, and Mrs. Mary Avery received on examination.

September 11: Mr. S. M. Goodman and Mr. Charley Forney received on examination.

January 9, 1902: Mrs. E. H. Johnston, Miss M. Grace Johnston and Miss Martha Bell received on examination.

April 9, 1902: Mr. Waightstill Phiher received on examination.

June 29, 1902: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kistler, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ramseur, and Mr. and Mrs. Kever received on certificate.

REV. WALTER W. EDGE.

Rev. Walter W. Edge was born in Union County, South Carolina, September 20, 1876, and attended the country schools at home till sixteen years of age when he went to Greenville, S. C., where he attended the city schools for one year. He was graduated from the Presbyterian College of S. C., at Clinton, S. C., with the degree of A. B., in 1899, and entered Columbia Theological Seminary in September, 1899, where he studied two years. In the meantime he took post-graduate courses in English in the University of South Carolina. He attended Princeton Seminary one year, graduating from there in 1902, and taking post-graduate work in Princeton University in Philosophy the same year.

Rev. W. W. Edge was licensed by Enoree Presbytery (S. C.) in April, 1901, and ordained by West Jersey Presbytery (N. J.) on May 20, 1902, at which time he was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church at Glassboro, N. J. He resigned the pastorate of the Glassboro church in October, 1902, and went South.

For about three months before Mr. Edge came to Morganton Rev. T. D. Johnston, a young minister who had been filling the place of his father, a returned missionary from Turkey, in preaching to the church at Glen Alpine, supplied the

church very acceptably and made a most pleasant impression upon our people.

Mr. Edge was called to the church at Morganton in November, 1902 and was installed as pastor in February, 1903.

Mr. Edge came to us almost direct from the seminary and college; but he came thoroughly equipped. He had received almost identically the same training in the schools that his immediate predecessor had received. He had been the pupil of Dr. Jacobs and had felt the inspiration of his abounding faith, and had improved his excellent opportunities for culture at Princeton. Mr. Edge was developing and becoming a strong, earnest and impressive preacher when he received a call to another field. He was notified that a large congregation in a State farther South wished his services and the field seemed to be an inviting one, with the offer of a satisfactory salary. Soon after, however, he was surprised when after accepting the call and being dismissed to take effect January 1, 1905, he was notified that the congregation which had called him had agreed to unite with a Cumberland Presbyterian congregation in the same town.

After hearing of this inexcusably bad treatment to him the congregation of the First Presbyterian church at Morganton was anxious to recall him, had he not notified the Session that he had considered the matter prayerfully and felt reluctantly compelled to refuse to consider such a call. He loved his people here, however, and they were devoted to him. The people here are pleased to know that he finds his present duty very pleasant, and that his prospects of usefulness are very encouraging.

Before coming to Morganton Mr. Edge was married to Miss Brannon, the daughter of a prominent lawyer in Georgia, whose ripe scholarship, exemplary life and cheerful disposition made her a fit helpmeet in his work.

During his useful pastorate of over two years, Mrs. Edge coöperated so far as possible, and sympathized with him in every effort to serve and honor his Master.

After leaving Morganton Mr. Edge was pastor at Flemington, Ga., from April, 1905 to December, 1906; at Davis, W.

Va., from December, 1906 to September, 1910; at Laurel, Md., from September, 1910, to October, 1912.

He was installed as pastor at Manasquan, New Jersey, his present charge, October, 1912.

*Accessions to the Church During the Pastorate of
Rev. Walter Edge.*

December 28, 1902: Mrs. Maud Edge received on certificate.

April 3, 1903: Mrs. Laura Taylor, Miss Lois Taylor and Mr. Balbous Branch admitted on examination.

May 10, 1903: Mrs. J. R. Wortman received on examination.

July 12: John Tull admitted on examination.

October 25: Mrs. Fred Turner received on certificate.

January 3, 1904: Mr. E. L. Bell received on examination.

May 22, 1904: Miss Sarah Herring received on examination and Miss Maude Smith received on certificate.

July 17, 1904: Miss Elizabeth McDowell received on examination, and Mrs. Nannie Fleming Jeter on certificate from Raleigh.

August 21: Miss Annie McDowell received on certificate and Miss Florence Perry on examination.

September 4: Miss Virginia Middleton received on certificate.

October 2: Miss Mary Erwin Moran admitted on examination, and Misses Mabel and Ellen Foister and Mr. Robert C. Miller admitted on certificate.

REV. W. F. HOLLINGSWORTH.

The writer regrets that for some reason which doubtless will be explained later, Mr. Hollingsworth has overlooked till too late, a request to furnish data in reference to his early life and education and previous pastorates, which he has been so fortunate as to secure in reference to his predecessors.

It having become desirable that the writer should finish his work at an early date, he has instituted inquiry to supply the missing data from other sources.

Mr. Hollingsworth was born at
day of

Ga., on the
18 (about 1870, we

think). He entered Davidson College in the year 18 and graduated four years later, after taking a high stand throughout his course . He received his training for the ministry at

Seminary. He diligently improved his opportunities and became a ripe scholar. He acquired unusual familiarity with the Scriptures and was able readily to recall apt passages for quotation. It seemed to afford him pleasure to impart Bible instruction to his people, young and old, who joined classes taught by him. He had also acquired thorough and accurate knowledge of the history and creed of the Presbyterian church. A series of sermons preached by him on the Westminster Confession would prove useful and interesting if published, to those who seek information upon those subjects.

Mr. Hollingsworth evinced great interest in Foreign and Domestic Missions. He induced his people to agree to support a missionary at the Stewart Hospital in China.

By his earnest and persistent effort the congregation was induced to greatly improve the church and to provide a place therein for a pipe organ, purchased by them. The appearance of the improved church and the inside decoration are a monument to his good judgment and good taste, displayed in supervising the work. He deserves the more credit because some of us expressed grave apprehension that the work would not prove acceptable.

He was called by the First Presbyterian church at Morganton at a meeting of the congregation, on the 13th of August, 1905, accepted the call, and was subsequently installed; but by some strange mishap there is no record of the time of his installation in the proceedings of the Session.

He tendered his resignation as pastor and asked the congregation to join him in the request to be dismissed to Orange Presbytery. He was accordingly transferred and was placed in charge of a church school established by Orange Presbytery in Alleghany County. Those who knew Mr. Hollingsworth well were prepared to hear that he had succeeded in building up a good school as he has done. He is a fine scholar, studious, industrious and attentive to duties and has especially the gift of imparting knowledge to pupils.

He had married before coming to Morganton a very attractive and accomplished lady, Miss Julia Castex, of Goldsboro. She joined heartily in church work, helped to improve the choir, and won the hearts of our people. She, also, has strengthened the faith of some of us in the efficacy of the prayers of the old ladies heretofore mentioned.

Rev. Dr. Wright—Revivalist.

During the pastorate of Mr. Hollingsworth a revival meeting was conducted in the graded school auditorium, by invitation from the Presbyterian church, by Rev. Dr. Wright, the celebrated Indian evangelist of Oklahoma. He is a powerful pulpit orator and an earnest and spiritual and enthusiastic Christian. Few, if any, of our ministers have ever made a deeper or more lasting impression for good upon the people of this community. He had a beautiful voice and his singing charmed the people as much as his oratory. The meeting resulted in a number of accessions to the membership of our churches of all denominations.

*Accessions to the Church During the Pastorate of
Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth.*

August 6, 1905: Miss Annie Louise Ross and Miss Atwood Hunt admitted on examination.

October 8: Mr. and Mrs. Loven received on examination.

February 5, 1906: Mrs. Julia C. Hollingsworth received on certificate.

April 1, 1906: Samuel Ben Howard, Harry Moore Walton, Charles W. Tull, Charles Evers Johnston, Sarah Cole Taylor, Lila W. Anderson, Lilian Avery and Mary Sue Bell received on examination.

April 6: Mrs. McKenzie Reeves Rusmisell received on certificate.

May 27: Dr. C. E. Ross and Mr. E. L. Bell ordained deacons.

July 2: Miss Eva Parsons received on examination.

September 3: Miss Florence Marshall Huet, Miss Ophelia Carter, Miss Cornelia Carter and Mrs. Carter received on certificate.

November 4: Mr. T. V. Archer received on certificate, and Alphonso L. Silver and William R. Garland received on examination.

December 2: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chaffie received on certificate.

March 3, 1907: Mr. and Mrs. John McDowell received on certificate, and Lucile Edmondson, Julius C. Mills, Noah M. Green, Jonathan Farrior, James R. Mozinga, and George W. Wilson (pupils at the D. & D. School), were received on examination.

May 5: Hattie Howard, Annie Parsons and Mr. J. D. Boger received on examination, and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Parks on certificate.

June 2: Linwood Edmondson and Merle Smith (pupils of D. & D. School) received on examination.

June 16: Mr. Ed Alexander received on certificate.

July 14: Margaret Ervin received on examination.

August 11: Katherine Ross, Martha Ross, Charles Ross, Eva Walton, Maggie Newland, Edward Ervin, Samuel Ervin, Erasmus Taylor, Andrew Bell, Barclay Huet, Leonard Hayes Walker were received on examination.

October 6: Edith Avery received on certificate.

February 9, 1908: Mrs. Edna Bryan Miller received on certificate. Walton Avery received on examination.

March 29: Mrs. Lola Campbell and Dr. L. G. Beall received on examination.

August 16: Miss Nora Morrow received on certificate.

October 4: Miss Elizabeth B. Kellog received on certificate.

February 3, 1909: Mrs. Robert C. Miller and Mr. A. M. Ingold received on certificate.

March 14, 1909: A. M. Ingold, Dr. L. G. Beall, C. D. Forney, and J. D. Boger were elected deacons; and Messrs. I. T. Avery, J. A. Dickson, S. J. Ervin and T. V. Archer were elected elders.

April 4: Miss Virginia Linfield received on examination.

July 4, 1909: Elizabeth Murphy Taylor received on examination.

January 2, 1910: Miss Minnie Morris received on certificate.

April 3: Mrs. E. W. Holton, Dr. A. S. Houck, Mrs. Margaret R. Houck and Miss Amelia Houck received on certificate.

July 3: Elizabeth Anderson, Mabel Miller, Hugh Miller, Miss Virginia Rich were received on examination, and E. W. Holton on certificate.

October 2: Mrs. T. V. Archer and Miss Francina Aursler received by certificate.

February 5, 1911: Mrs. Maggie T. McCampbell received on certificate.

April 2, 1911: Mrs. Lula Ethel Smith, Laura Cornelia Howard, Hugh Tate Ervin, John Derr Boger, Jr., and Robert Alexander Ross were received on examination.

December 10; Miss Julia Potts received on certificate.

*Interval Between the End of Mr. Hollingsworth's Pastorate
and the Call of His Successor.*

For some reason a large number of the members of the congregation conceived the idea, soon after Mr. Hollingsworth left for his new field, that Dr. Cornelson would leave New Orleans on account of failing health, and would then accept a call to Morganton. This question could not be settled till after Dr. Cornelson should return to New Orleans in the fall.

Consequently the church was supplied many months by a number of pulpit orators from various sections, and our people were pleased with Mr. Doak, Mr. Shives and others, who were kind enough to supply the church, but still clung to the hope of getting Mr. Cornelson, until on a formal call, Mr. Cornelson declined to accept.

Rev. R. C. Anderson who had agreed to devote his time to raising money to defray the debt incurred for the purchase and improvement of land at Montreat, served the church most of the time, however, as stated supply, and the congregation were more than pleased with him. He thought for some time that he might accept a call after the lapse of some months, and meantime might preach for a part of the time; but finding that he could not finish his work for a long time, he reluctantly declined the call when at last made.

REV. C. E. GREGORY.

To use the language generally applied to secular offices, we now come down to the time of the present incumbent.

In response to calls for help sent out by the church at Morganton, Rev. C. E. Gregory agreed to come over from Buncombe at noon and night. When the congregation was dismissed at noon, the inquiry was on the lips of every one, "Will he listen to a call?" At the close of the night service, the question was whether we had better call him without delay lest some other church would get ahead of us.

Mr. Gregory had resigned as pastor of a large congregation at Dansville, N. Y., in consequence of ill-health, and had come to Asheville, where he had been treated for two years, and upon being discharged from the hospital, had engaged in evangelical work, under the auspices of the Northern Presbyterian church at Jupiter in Buncombe County. While so engaged he had been asked by our friends at Montreat to supply our church for one service. After hearing him, it became apparent that there was a unanimous sentiment in favor of securing his services, and in order to forestall action by any other church, it was agreed to call a congregational meeting at the earliest day possible under the rules of the church, and meantime, to give informal notice to him that he might expect a unanimous call, which call was made at a meeting held on the 22d of April, 1912.

Rev. Carey Ellis Gregory was born at Warfordsburg, Pa., January 5, 1874. He was graduated from Wooster University with the degree of A. B. in 1897, and received his A. M. degree from Princeton University in 1900. He finished Princeton Theological Seminary in 1901.

Mr. Gregory and his wife entered the same class at the Synodical Presbyterian college at Wooster, Ohio, which was co-educational, and pursued their studies together, including the regular curriculum, with all that is imported by the term, up to graduation. It is not a marvel that they should have worked in harmony since their marriage on July 10, 1901.

Having agreed to accept the call to the Morganton church,

Mr. Gregory began to serve the church by preaching on the 2d day of June, 1912, and was installed as pastor on the 16th day of June, 1912, Rev. C. A. Monroe and Elder Gaither Hall officiating at the ceremony.

Since his installation his people have continued to listen to his preaching with unabated interest and large numbers from other churches have been drawn to listen to his sermons and lectures. The hope and prayer of his people is that he may not overtax his strength and may be spared to minister to them spiritually for many years to come.

It is not improper to say that the faith of the writer and others in the answer to fervent prayer has been strengthened also since Mrs. Gregory has entered upon her duties as a co-worker and companion of her husband.

THE PLAN AND SCOPE OF THESE SKETCHES

While it is the purpose of the writer to prepare, in the absence of early record, largely from family tradition, an alphabetical list of all members of the Presbyterian church in Burke County, whether residing in the bounds of Quaker Meadows, Morganton, or Silver Creek chapel, it is no part of the plan of this work to write biographical sketches of all ministers who supplied any of these churches, either during the interval between the pastorates of Dr. J. McKamie Wilson, ending in 1801, and the beginning of that of Rev. Chauncey Eddy about twenty years later, or of any ministers who have preached for the Quaker Meadows people proper or at Glen Alpine, near the old Silver Creek chapel within the past forty years. It is, however, the writer's purpose before appending such list of members, to write short biographical sketches of all of the elders who officiated at Quaker Meadows, Morganton and Silver Creek and who passed away while still in harness, but not of elders, living or dead, who have been dismissed to join other churches.

SHORT SKETCHES OF SOME OF THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCHES AT QUAKER MEADOWS AND AT MORGANTON.

Silver Creek was a part of the same organization as the Morganton church and the officers of the two churches were the same up to the recent organization of a church at Glen Alpine.

When the church at Quaker Meadows was first organized, certainly prior to 1784 and probably about the year 1778, after the establishment of Burke County in the year 1777, according to our best information, the ruling elders were John Duckworth, Robert Penland and, probably, David Vance. Samuel Alexander must have been ordained a little later, somewhere about the year 1784 and, William W. Erwin, who was not born until 1764, must have been ordained after 1790 and about 1795, when Dr. J. McKamie Wilson became the pastor of the church.

ELDER JOHN DUCKWORTH.

Elder John Duckworth was born in the year 1757. He was in the very earliest history of the church a very zealous and active elder and according to tradition he was an earnest and exemplary Christian. During the first forty years after the church was planted in Burke County, he seems to have represented the churches of Quaker Meadows and Morganton in Presbytery oftener than any other elder. It was he who insisted at a meeting of Concord Presbytery, that Rev. John Silliman should be ordained by order of Presbytery and allowed to accept a call, in place of Rev. Chauncey Eddy. At one of the meetings of Presbytery it was recorded of him that he was to subscribe to a fund that was being raised for some good purpose and gave what seemed to be a liberal sum, to-wit: three dollars. Like most other Presbyterians of that day, he was an ardent friend of liberty and missed no opportunity to strike a blow for the cause. He was wounded at Ramsaur's Mill, and before he fully recovered from his wound, fought gallantly as a private in McDowell's regiment at King's Mountain. The bullet was not extracted from his body until late in life and was exhibited by Governor Morehead when speaking to an audience, as a candidate for governor, in 1842.

Among his descendants were a number of members of the Silver Creek congregation, the children and grandchildren of his son, Daunt Duckworth, and his daughter, Sallie, wife of Thomas Morrison.

He died November 6, 1843, aged 86 years, and was buried in the Presbyterian churchyard at Morganton. Near to his grave repose the remains of his granddaughter, Mrs. Jane Duckworth Kibler.

ELDER ROBERT PENLAND.

Elder Robert Penland was one of the first ruling elders ordained at Quaker Meadows. He was born on the 17 . He came to the County of Burke with the advance guard of the Scotch-Irish colony that moved across Maryland and Virginia to the Carolinas. He settled in the valley of Canoe creek above the lands entered in the office of the Earl of Granville a short time before by Hugh McDowell and John McDowell. He was married on the of

to Elizabeth Brank, daughter of Peter Brank, who settled at the place where Dr. William C. Tate afterwards lived, now the farm of Mr. R. K. Presnell, who married his great granddaughter, daughter of Robert Alexander, and is now an elder of the First Presbyterian church at Morganton.

The widow of Peter Brank was one of the three women who were scalped by the Indians in the incursion of 1777 and who survived their barbarous wounds for many years. The other two being Mrs. Hunter, the ancestress of scores of leading residents of Burke and McDowell Counties, and Mrs. McFalls, who lived on the east side of the Blue Ridge. The husbands of these three women, fortunately for them, happened to be absent from home. It is said that the children and husbands of Mrs. Brank and Mrs. Hunter showed them a sympathy and devotion which almost amounted to worship until they died. Peter Brank, however, died soon after and probably before the close of the War for Independence. The writer has seen a description in one of the grants under which John Rutherford claimed on Muddy creek, the descriptive words "joining the lands of Brank's orphans." Mrs. Elizabeth Penland was the sister of Robert Brank, a dashing soldier in the command of Captain David Vance of McDowell's regiment, and, as will appear later, was also the sister of Priscilla Brank, who married David Vance.

Robert Penland was not only a devoted Christian, who was always mindful of his Master's work, but when duty demanded his services he enlisted in McDowell's regiment and fought bravely in the battles of King's Mountain, Ramsaur's Mill and Musgrove's Mill, and probably at Cowpens.

The piety of "Father" Penland, as he was affectionately called, seemed to have inspired, amongst those who lived in his neighborhood, a degree of reverence that has seldom been known. The writer recalls the kindly way in which his mother spoke of the venerable old man. She said that it sometimes happened that, like all the men of his day, he walked about the neighborhood with his gun upon his shoulder taking the chance of getting within range of a deer, and that he would come in and place his gun in the corner of the room and after

a short sojourn, would ask that the family be called together for prayers. This was what the old time elder, trained by the followers of John Knox, deemed his duty.

As will appear later, his daughter Jane was the wife of Elder Samuel Alexander, and his son Henry Penland moved to Buncombe County and was the father of the late Milton Penland, of Asheville, and Robert Penland, of Bakersville, and his daughter, Nellie, married Nathan Gibson and was the grandmother of Judge Garland S. Ferguson.

The name of the dashing soldier-son of Peter Brank, referred to above (Robert Brank), brother of Mrs. Vance, has been perpetuated by Doctor Robert Brank Vance, who was elected to Congress in 1824, and who was killed in a duel by Hon. Samuel P. Carson in 1826. General Robert Brank Vance, who represented the mountain district in Congress for twelve years, was a later namesake.

Many false alarms had kept the families north of the Catawba ready to move into the fort on the hill north of Fleming's Ford, on short notice of the approach of the Cherokees, before the final incursion by that tribe in 1777. McDowell's command had been called out and were on duty out of the county when the Indians finally rushed in. But Robert Penland had been sent home as the safest man to entrust with the duty of helping families to the fort and of assisting other comrades left at home for their protection. When the alarm came he left his younger brother to remove his own family and the boy could only induce Penland's wife to leave her home by placing her children upon a horse and starting to the fort with them. For some reason Penland had not yet removed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Brank, from her home at the Dr. Tate, or Presnell place, which was on the opposite side of the river and less than a mile distant from the fort, before the Indians reached her home, scalped her and left her for dead, as already mentioned.

Robert Penland died at his home on Canoe creek, April 19, 1828.

ELDER SAMUEL ALEXANDER.

Samuel Alexander was born on the of 17 , at the home of his father, in what was then Orange, now Alamance County, his father having come down from Pennsylvania in the advance guard of the Scotch-Irish settlers who turned southeastward about the Virginia line to avoid trouble with the Indians of the West. Samuel Alexander, it is understood, served when quite young, as a lieutenant in Captain David Vance's company of McDowell's regiment, fought in that command at Cowpens, Ramsaur's Mill and King's Mountain, and in one of those battles at least, received a serious wound.

Mrs. Claudia Erwin Poe, a daughter of the late Col. J. J. Erwin, and a great granddaughter of Alexander Erwin, has recently published an article in the *Durham Sun* which will prove interesting as a piece of local history, to the people of this county, and especially to the Alexanders and Erwins, whose family friendships have continued from the first settlement of the country to the present time.

The article is as follows:

INCIDENTS OF ERWINS AND ALEXANDERS

The families were neighbors and friends. Alexander Erwin was away from home in the service of his country, leaving his wife in charge of the family. A neighbor, Mr. Alexander, came to her house ill. She took him into a shed-room, where she hoped to hide him from the Tories, until he was able to return to camp. But a raiding party rode up to her door, and called for the men to come out of the house, ordering search to be made and capture of all Whigs. She tried to keep them out. When the house had been plundered and swords run into every bed and corner, they came to the door of the shed-room. Mrs. Erwin stood at the door refusing to admit them. But thrusting her aside, they rushed at the wounded man, and one of them, drawing a sword, was in the act of striking Mr. Alexander, when Mrs. Erwin threw herself, with her right arm over his (Mr. Alexander's) head, between the Tory and Mr. Alexander, receiving a dreadful wound which maimed her for life.

This story was related by Mary E. Wilson Chambers to her children. Mrs. Chambers was a granddaughter of Alexander Erwin and Sarah Robinson Erwin, through their daughter, }

Mary Erwin who married Rev. Dr. John McKamie Wilson, one time pastor of the Presbyterian church at Quaker Meadows, near Morganton. Mrs. Chambers saw Mr. Alexander when he was an old bald-headed man with a deep scar on his forehead, and he then told her this story. The written story, as copied, was obtained from Mrs. Octavia Chambers Hinish, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. W. Chambers.

Samuel Alexander was married to Jane Penland, daughter of Robert Penland, on the of , 17 , and was the father of William Alexander, who removed to Cherokee County; of Thomas Alexander; of Robert Alexander; of James Alexander; and of Samuel Alexander; and of Kerley, wife of Aaron Kerley, of Moore, wife of Moore. He was the ancestor of a number of living Presbyterians, including Mrs. Cornelia Avery, Mrs. Ophelia Carter, Davis Alexander, Ed Alexander, the children of Mrs. Laura Howard, deceased, and of Mrs. R. K. Presnell.

Samuel Alexander, as intimated above, was not probably ordained as elder so early as was his father-in-law, Robert Penland, and we infer from circumstances that David Vance was ordained an elder at Quaker Meadows either before or soon after Samuel Alexander was ordained. Alexander Erwin, who was the father-in-law of J. McKamie Wilson, Sr., was also a lieutenant in Vance's company. Returning from the battle of King's Mountain, he led the horse of Joseph Patton, who was killed and whose widow he subsequently married.

His name comes down to us by tradition as one who won the respect of the public and the unbounded confidence of his neighbors by his piety as well as his integrity. The influence of the character which he established as he went in and out before the people seems to have been transmitted to his descendants down to the present time. He died April 26, 1842.

ELDER DAVID VANCE.

David Vance was born in Virginia about A. D. 1745 and moved to North Carolina about 1775. He settled in what was then Rowan County, but is now included in Burke County which was established by the Legislature in 1777. He was married during the War for Independence to Priscilla, daugh-

ter of Peter Brank, who lived at the Tate or Presnell place at a beautiful location about one mile north of Morganton, where Dr. William C. Tate afterwards built. He settled on the Brank place and lived there until he removed to Reems' creek in Buncombe County in about 1786.

He served as an ensign under Washington at Brandywine, Germantown and Valley Forge, before removing to North Carolina. He was captain of a company in McDowell's regiment, of which Samuel Alexander was a lieutenant, and served with distinction at Cowpens, Ramsaur's Mill and King's Mountain. He and Robert Henry prepared, while surveying the North Carolina and Tennessee line, an account of the battle of King's Mountain, which was published in pamphlet form about twenty years ago and is a valuable contribution to revolutionary history.

There is no record of any meeting of the Session of Quaker Meadows church or of Orange Presbytery prior to the formation of Concord Presbytery in 1788, from which we can determine definitely who were the earliest elders. Captain David Vance moved to Reems' creek before 1788 and not long thereafter was an elder in the Presbyterian church established there. We infer from circumstances that he probably acted as elder at Quaker Meadows before his removal west of the Blue Ridge. He was the father of David Vance, Jr., and the grandfather of Governor Zebulon B. Vance and Hon. R. B. Vance. He died in the year 1813.

ELDER WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY ERWIN.

William Willoughby Erwin was born March 4, 1764, in that portion of Rowan County now embraced in the boundaries of Iredell County. His father, Arthur Erwin, removed to Burke County probably about the time when Burke County was created in 1777 and settled at Cherry Fields on Upper Creek. Arthur Erwin fought under McDowell at King's Mountain and was one of the founders of Quaker Meadows church. W. W. Erwin was married to Matilda Sharpe, daughter of Col. William Sharpe, a prominent lawyer and provincial congressman from Rowan County, on the of 17 . He first built a home on the lot afterwards occupied by Dr. Boushell

and where W. W. Avery later lived and died. Soon after the present judicial system was partly established by the creation of superior courts in lieu of the old district courts, he was appointed Clerk of the Superior Court of Burke County and held that office for many years. He never sought or held any other office, except when he was elected with Col. John Carson and others, a delegate to the convention which adopted at Fayetteville, the Constitution of the United States. When a branch of the State bank was established at Morganton he was appointed cashier and continued to discharge the duties of that place until he was stricken by paralysis. Meantime he had removed to Belvidere on John's River and established the hospitable home where he died.

He was ordained elder probably about the year 1795, when ~~John~~ McK. Wilson, Sr., became the pastor at Quaker Meadows. He was probably the most active man and one of the most liberal contributors in building a church, parsonage and schoolhouse in Morganton during the pastorate of Rev. Chauncey Eddy, where he educated several of his younger daughters. His eldest daughter, afterwards Mrs. H. E. Avery, had been compelled to go with her friend Miss Lenoir on horseback to Raleigh, where she was educated at the school established by Dr. McPheeters.

W. W. Erwin was a courteous and refined gentleman and was universally regarded as an exemplary Christian. He read a great deal, having provided an extensive library and was unusually well informed.

He was stricken with paralysis and died from the effects of a third stroke in 1837. A remarkable story connected with his death was told and attested by his large family of well-known persons, including his sons A. L. Erwin, E. J. Erwin, A. H. Erwin, and his sons-in-law I. T. Avery, James McDowell, Alfred Gaither, B. S. Gaither and one or more of his grandchildren, who had gathered around his bedside in the early morning to witness his death.

He had been supposed to be dying for an hour or more as indicated by the peculiar struggle for breath which is generally a premonition of nearly approaching death, when suddenly he seemed for a moment to cease breathing and the mem-

bers of his family began to rise to their feet supposing that he passed away. In a moment he breathed distinctly, opened his eyes, looked around and appeared to be attempting to speak when his young grandson, the late W. W. Avery, then twenty-one years old, was asked to see what his grandfather wished to say. He held his ear close to the mouth of his grandfather who spoke to him and, on inquiry as to what he said, W. W. Avery replied, "He says William the Fourth is dead." Those present supposed that his mind was wandering, and, as he was very fond of reading history and news, they thought it natural for him to have had his attention some time shortly before, directed to the then reigning king of England.

The inexplicable surprise came however, when, after the lapse of weeks, the news came by the then slow mails, that at twenty minutes past two o'clock on the morning of June 20, 1837, William the Fourth had died, and his death had been announced by the dying old man at Belvidere on the same morning at about eight o'clock.

The foregoing account cannot be questioned in the face of the fact that it was attested by more than a half score of intelligent witnesses of the highest character.

At five the same morning the Archbishop of England had gone with the Prime Minister to Kensington Palace or Castle where the young Princess Victoria resided. The maid had told the Archbishop that she was sleeping too sweetly and soundly to be awakened. When told of what had occurred she aroused the Princess who came down in her slippers and wrapper to hear the announcement that she was to be crowned that day Queen of England.

ELDER JOHN H. STEVELIE.

Circumstances indicate that John H. Stevelie came to Burke County about or shortly before the year 1800. He came direct from Switzerland and was a Presbyterian of the John Calvin or Geneva type.

The date of his birth and death must have been inscribed on a tombstone, where he was buried near the top of Morgan's Hill, but the writer is informed that the monuments erected to

him and his family have been destroyed since the family graveyard passed into the hands of the D. & D. School.

Mr. Stevelie was quite a wealthy man before the early date when he settled in this country. He bought the farm beyond Morgan's Hill and erected a brick residence thereon which was afterwards enlarged by Col. C. M. Avery and called Magnolia. This place (Magnolia) was later the residence of Capt. George Phifer, and is now owned by his widow, Mrs. Martha Avery Phifer. If our church would provide a resting place for the remains of Mr. Stevelie and his family in our cemetery, no doubt the authorities of the D. & D. School would be able to identify the graves and remove their remains to the cemetery.

Mr. Stevelie, according to tradition, brought with him to Burke County a good deal of money which was invested in goods; but by careless management, entrusting his business to subordinates, he became hopelessly involved and, under the old rigid exemption law, everything was sold to satisfy creditors.

ELDER ALFRED PERKINS.

Alfred Perkins was a son of Elisha Perkins and grandson of Gentleman John Perkins who was among the earliest land-owners on the fertile lands in the valley of John's River.

Alfred Perkins was born . He married Miss Caldwell, a daughter of Robin Caldwell and sister of John Caldwell, the father of Gov. T. R. Caldwell. He was a quiet unobtrusive gentleman, but by reason of his high character, sound judgment, and store of general information he was naturally brought forward and looked to as a leader in church and state. We think that he was the Senator from the Burke District in 1817. His name was brought forward by John H. Wheeler as Senator "A. Perkins."

He was ordained elder during the pastorate of Rev. John Silliman. Owing to the loss of records of the Session prior to 1835, the precise date of his ordination cannot be ascertained. But the minutes of Concord Presbytery show that he often attended Presbytery as a delegate during the pastorates of Rev. John Silliman and Rev. John S. McCutchan, and was an active and interested participant in the proceedings. It

was he who expressed the assent of the church at Morganton to the dissolution of pastoral relations with Mr. Silliman, and who obtained the sanction of that body to the call of his friend, Rev. J. S. McCutchan.

Mr. Alfred Perkins left a daughter who married Mr. Williams and removed to Georgia; and two sons, Capt. E. A. Perkins and Mr. Robert C. Perkins. Like his friend and neighbor, W. W. Erwin, who lived on an adjacent farm, he left two sons who were elected elders in his old church and followed in his footsteps in leading exemplary lives.

ADOLPHUS L. ERWIN.

A. L. Erwin, son of W. W. and Matilda Sharpe Erwin, was born February 14, 1789, and died November 24, 1855. He married Mary Gertrude Simianer, November 27, 1817.

He was educated at the school established by Dr. Coffin in Greenville, Tennessee, one of the best of that time. He chose the law as his profession and commanded the confidence of the people to an unusual extent. He was a well informed lawyer and careful business man and acquired an extensive and lucrative practice. But in middle life he became subject to painful and exhaustive attacks of asthma which interfered so seriously with his work, that he reluctantly left his home in Morganton and abandoned the practice of his profession and removed to a large and fertile farm at Pleasant Gardens where he spent the remainder of his days.

He was ordained as elder in the church at Morganton during the pastorate of Rev. John Silliman and frequently represented this church in Presbytery, up to the time when he and his family, in August, 1845, asked for letters of dismission to join the church at Marion.

He and his family were the most active workers in establishing and building up the Presbyterian church at Marion. Their first pastor there, Rev. Mr. Gibbs, and their second pastor, "Father Paxton," found in him and his family fast friends and zealous co-workers.

Few family circles in this country were as charming as that at Pleasant Gardens. He made it more enjoyable by entering

with zest into all the plans and hopes that interested his children.

ELDER EDWARD JONES ERWIN.

E. J. Erwin was born March 24, 1806 and died July 8, 1871. He was educated at the college at Athens, Ga., now the University of Georgia. He went from Morganton to that institution in company with Col. B. S. Gaither who afterwards married his sister, and was a college-mate of Alexander H. Stephens and Robert Toombs, both of whom became leading statesmen of the South. He married Miss Anne Phifer, of Cabarrus County, a twin-sister of Mrs. Mary Phifer Wilson, wife of Hon. Harvey Wilson, of Charlotte. E. J. Erwin did not study a profession, though he had the capacity to have made a successful lawyer. He represented Burke County in the old House of Commons in three successive sessions, 1835-1836-1838, and proved a useful and influential member.

He was ordained elder in the church at Morganton on May 11, 1843, and served for about twenty-seven years, till the time of his death. He was a shining light in the dark days of the church when he had as co-workers most of the time, female members, and when his hands, as well as the hands of the pastors, were most of the time held up by earnest women, whose faith never flagged and whose earnestness never abated. During all this trying time a confiding community pointed to him as one of a small circle of men whose Christian characters could not be impeached.

ELDER W. S. MOORE.

Wm. S. Moore was born in Iredell County on removed to Burke County and joined the church at Morganton by certificate on . He married first, Miss Mary Summers, who came with him to Burke County, and after her death, married Miss Margaret Montgomery, whom he left a widow at his death on

He was chosen an elder soon after uniting with the church at Morganton and was ordained an elder about October, 1856. He was a quiet unostentatious gentleman, but a man of clear

judgment, and a sensible and safe man of business. He was an exemplary Christian and deeply interested in church work.

He was a patriotic citizen, ready to make sacrifices for principle. Although beyond the age fixed for military service, he joined the first cavalry company recruited in Burke County, and served for several years in the Confederate Army as a private and as a non-commissioned officer, and was noted for his ready obedience to orders and devotion to duty as a soldier. He died at his post in Morganton, respected and honored as man and Christian by a community which had witnessed his daily walk and conversation for so many years.

ELDER E. A. PERKINS.

Capt. E. A. Perkins was the elder of two sons of Alfred Perkins, the subject of a sketch already written. He was born January 16, 1823, at his father's old home on John's River, and died on August 16, 1897. He was a quiet, sweet-tempered and modest man, but was unyielding in his adherence to principle and to what his conscience taught him was right.

He volunteered as a private in the first company of cavalry raised in Burke County, which later was Company F of the Forty-first North Carolina, or Third Cavalry Regiment; but on the reorganization of the company at the end of the year Elisha Alexander Perkins was elected Captain, and served in that capacity till the close of the war. In private life he was always deliberate, never known to be excited, and in battle was as cool and clear-headed as when engaged in his ordinary business in private life. He was distinguished for his uniform courage in battle and his kindness and attention to his men in camp.

Captain Perkins was ordained an elder soon after uniting with the church in 1867, and as an officer of the church commanded the confidence and the love of its members.

He was married on _____, _____ to Miss Juliana Gordon, a sister of the second wife of his brother, Robert C. Perkins, and of this marriage four daughters were born, all but one of whom retain their connection with the church and are among its staunch and liberal supporters.

ELDER ROBERT C. PERKINS.

Robert Caldwell Perkins was born on John's River May 9, 1825, and died at his home February 23, 1904. He was the only brother of Capt. E. A. Perkins.

The two brothers lived with their mother until her death and afterwards occupied the same house until separated by death. The devotion of the two to each other seems to have been without a parallel, even amongst brothers. They continued to cultivate a valuable farm, without a thought of dividing it or of a division of the rents. They had but one purse and either felt at liberty to resort to it to meet personal expenses. At one time R. C. Perkins went, with a large party of North Carolinians, to California, where he spent some years in mining. But when he returned all that he had made in mining was mingled with the common fund arising from the profits of the farm under his brother's management. It was said that they never disagreed, though they consulted freely about the management of their property.

Mr. R. C. Perkins was twice married, but no children were born to him of either union. He was first married to Miss Neal of Halifax County, sister of Major Neal, who was prominent as a soldier and a politician. His second wife was Miss Emma Sue Gordon, a cousin of Miss Neal's, and whose sister afterwards became the wife of Capt. E. A. Perkins. R. C. Perkins seemed to love his brother's children as if they were his own, and lived with them until he provided for them before his death. He never sought public office, though upon the resignation of E. P. Moore as sheriff he was appointed to fill the unexpired term and proved a very efficient and acceptable officer.

He had been installed as deacon before the death of his brother and was afterwards elected elder. He was upright and careful in the conduct of business. He was firm in his adherence to principle and was esteemed as a model in his walk and conversation by the community in which he lived.

ELDER JAMES ALEXANDER.

James Alexander was born July 4, 1820, and died April 6, 1901. He married Matilda Fox, a daughter of Alfred Fox.

Vance Alexander, deceased, and Davis Alexander, a deacon at Quaker Meadows, were children born of this marriage.

James Alexander, as a son of Samuel Alexander, and a great-grandson of Robert Penland, verified, by his upright Christian life, the promise that our God will remember the seed of the righteous and bless their children to the third and fourth generation. As he moved along noiselessly his neighbors took notice of his conduct and believed that he was in communion with his Master. At the re-organization of the church at Quaker Meadows, he was chosen and ordained an elder and up to the close of his long life his walk was worthy of his high calling.

DR. WILLIAM C. TATE.

Dr. Tate was an able, learned, and popular physician. He commanded a large practice for many years, living first on what is now the Presnell farm and keeping an office in Morganton. But subsequently, to meet the growing demands of his business, he bought and removed to the Presnell place, where Mr. T. N. Hallyburton lives, on Church street. Dr. Tate married first, Mrs. Laura Polk, the widow of Marshall Polk, who was a brother of President Polk. He subsequently was married to Mrs. Adeline Massey.

He was chosen and ordained as elder of the church during the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Sheetz, and was associated as elder with E. J. Erwin, W. S. Moore, and W. M. D. Howard.

Dr. Tate was esteemed as a man of high moral character from his youth. He was distinguished for his frankness and great regard for the truth. He had many friends and much influence in the community.

His mother was a daughter of Alexander Erwin and a sister of Mrs. Mary Erwin Wilson, and like all the children of Alexander Erwin, was a staunch Presbyterian. A community is blest when it numbers among its leading citizens such Christian gentlemen as was Dr. Tate.

THOMAS NEILL.

Thomas Neill was born on the _____ and died on _____. He was married to Miss Morrison, a daughter of Thomas Morrison, and a granddaughter

of Elder John Duckworth. He was chosen and ordained as an elder of the church at Morganton, but lived in the immediate neighborhood of Silver Creek Chapel, the worshipers at which church were enrolled as members of the Morganton congregation. Elder Neill was a modest and a worthy Christian, consistent in his daily demeanor. He was one of many who became connected with the family of John Duckworth, and passed under the shadow of his influence as a Christian and a Presbyterian.

The writer recollects distinctly to have seen Elder Neill acting in his official capacity, and looked upon him as an exemplary Christian. The writer regrets that a request made by him to some of the descendants of Mr. Neill for facts connected with his life has been overlooked, making this sketch more meager than it should have been.

DR. GEORGE H. MORAN, ELDER.

In the tribute paid to Dr. Moran by the congregation after his death, all of the material facts, from his birth, are set forth, and hence we will, in this case, as we have done in others, adopt that tribute as a sketch, it being as follows:

Dr. George H. Moran was born in Baltimore, Md., on the 30th of October, 1839, and died in a hospital at Salisbury, June 23, 1905, after undergoing a critical operation. Dr. Moran first came to Morganton as surgeon of a regiment of U. S. troops sent here about the year 1873. Though the bitterness engendered by the war had not then subsided, his quiet and affable manner, his kindly disposition and his professional and general attainments, made him a very welcome guest and a favorite in the home circles of all of our best cultivated people. His sojourn among us as a soldier, resulted in his engagement and subsequent marriage, on May 3, 1882, to Miss Sarah White Erwin. After his marriage he settled in Morganton where his learning and skill as a physician and surgeon and his high character as a gentleman commanded up to the time of his last illness, a leading and lucrative practice.

Dr. Moran became a member of the First Presbyterian church of Morganton on profession of faith on the 21st day of September, 1882, and, subsequently, in the year 1890, was ordained one of the ruling elders. Dr. Moran entertained decided views on all public questions formed after mature deliberation and intelligent study. He was a voracious and habitual reader and a gentleman of fine literary tastes and attainments.

His religious views and opinions were founded upon convictions as to the truth of the cardinal doctrines of the church, and his faith in the efficacy of the atonement never faltered, but was an ever present support and comfort to him in sickness and health and quickened his zeal in Christian work.

Resolved, That we, his brethren of the Session of the First Presbyterian church of Morganton deeply deplore his death and deem his removal an irreparable loss to the church and to the community, and a personal bereavement to his associates in every sphere of his life.

Resolved, further, That we his brethren and associate ruling elders feel a profound sympathy for his family in their hour of distress and trouble, and in token of our reverence for his memory and regard for his family, this resolution and the foregoing memorial notice be recorded in the minutes of the Session and submitted for adoption and approval to the congregation at its next meeting.

Resolved, further, That a certified copy of the foregoing memorial notice and these resolutions be sent by the clerk of the Session to the family of our deceased brother and that copies be furnished to the religious and secular newspapers for publication.

Respectfully subscribed,

A. C. AVERY,

R. K. PRESNELL,

W. A. ROSS,

Committee.

ELDER GEORGE PHIFER ERWIN.

Following the course pursued as to others, subjects of these sketches, the writer adopts as a sketch the tribute paid to Captain Erwin by the congregation, and which, as recorded in the minutes of the session, is as follows:

George Phifer Erwin.

Once again the grim reaper death has visited this Session of the First Presbyterian church of Morganton and it becomes our sad duty to record the removal from the scenes of this earthly life of our beloved brother and fellow-elder, George Phifer Erwin, who died on November 11, 1911.

He was the son of Edward Jones Erwin, and Ann Elizabeth Phifer and was born on August 27th, 1840. His father, Edward Jones Erwin, was for a period of twenty-eight years, an elder in the Presbyterian church of Morganton, having been elected an elder in said church in the year 1843, and having

remained an elder in said church until his death in 1871. His mother survived her husband for many years, and was no less loyal, faithful and devoted to the interests of this church and rendered it faithful service.

George Phifer Erwin was received into the membership of the Presbyterian church of Morganton in 1887 and was ordained an elder in said church September 2, 1888. In all the interests of this church he was the leading spirit up to the time of the disease which laid its afflicting hand upon him about two years prior to the time of his death, since which time he bore his affliction with resignation and with patience. While we mourn with his loved ones and sympathize with them in their grief and affliction and deeply deplore his loss to the church and to the community as well, we do not sorrow as those without hope, for we have an abiding trust that he hath entered "that city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God," and that he is now at rest.

We, as a Session, would emulate his Christian life and virtues, and testify to his upright walk and conversation among us and his faithful work in and for this church.

It is, therefore, ordered that the clerk of this Session be and is hereby requested to write the foregoing minutes upon his minute book and to send a copy of the same to the family of our deceased friend and a copy to the *Presbyterian Standard* for publication.

By order of the Session.

It is proper to add to the foregoing a short account of Captain Erwin's early education and later professional and official life.

Captain Erwin was prepared for college at the celebrated school of Colonel Lee, at Asheville, entered Davidson College, and for four years stood at the head of his class.

He joined Capt. C. M. Avery's Company F, of the Bethel Regiment, which enlisted for only six months. After being mustered out of service he enlisted in Captain Armfield's company of the Eleventh Regiment and served as Orderly Sergeant of that company. During the year 1862 he was commissioned as Captain and Assistant Quartermaster of the Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, in which capacity he served till the end of the Civil War.

After the war he read law with Colonel Gaither and was licensed in the year 1867. He practiced law for a few years, but his unusual readiness and accuracy as an accountant led to

his being employed as treasurer of the Western North Carolina Railroad, and later to his being retained in the service of the Richmond & Danville Railway, after the sale of the first-mentioned road, at Salisbury, for a number of years.

Captain Erwin was a man of thorough education and extensive reading. He had a talent and taste for music which not only added much to his own pleasure, but proved a means of entertainment to the many guests at his hospitable home.

JUDGE ALPHONSO CALHOUN AVERY.

(Contributed.)

Judge Avery was Morganton's most distinguished citizen. An unsolicited tribute from one who has known him all his life was expressed in the words, "There is not a man in all Burke County for whom I have so much affection and respect."

Alphonso C. Avery was born at Swan Ponds, on the Avery estate near Morganton, September 11, 1835. He was prepared for college at the Bingham Academy, in Orange County, and graduated from the University of North Carolina at the head of his class in 1857. He was licensed to practice law in the year 1860, and in the same year was married to Miss Susan Washington Morrison, a sister of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson. Sterner things than the practice of law called him at that time. The crisis of war intervened and he took up arms in the defense of his State. He entered the army as first lieutenant of Company E, Sixth North Carolina Regiment, and came out commissioned as colonel. At the close of the war he entered upon a long and distinguished career as politician and jurist, being elevated in the year 1878 to the seat of Judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina, and in 1889 to the Supreme Court bench. In 1889 he was married a second time, to Miss Sallie Love Thomas.

Judge Avery was a ruling elder in the Morganton church for more than twenty-five years, exemplifying all that the term implies. He was a born leader of men, possessing the qualities of character and intellect that distinguish a natural leader. His loss in the church and community will long be felt. A guiding hand as capable and a heart as staunch we can not hope soon to find. We rejoice in a career so distinguished, a life so complete, for we see in it the fulfillment of a divine promise.

“Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble:
I will deliver him, and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him,
And shew him my salvation.”—*Psalm 91*.

ROBERT K. PRESNELL.

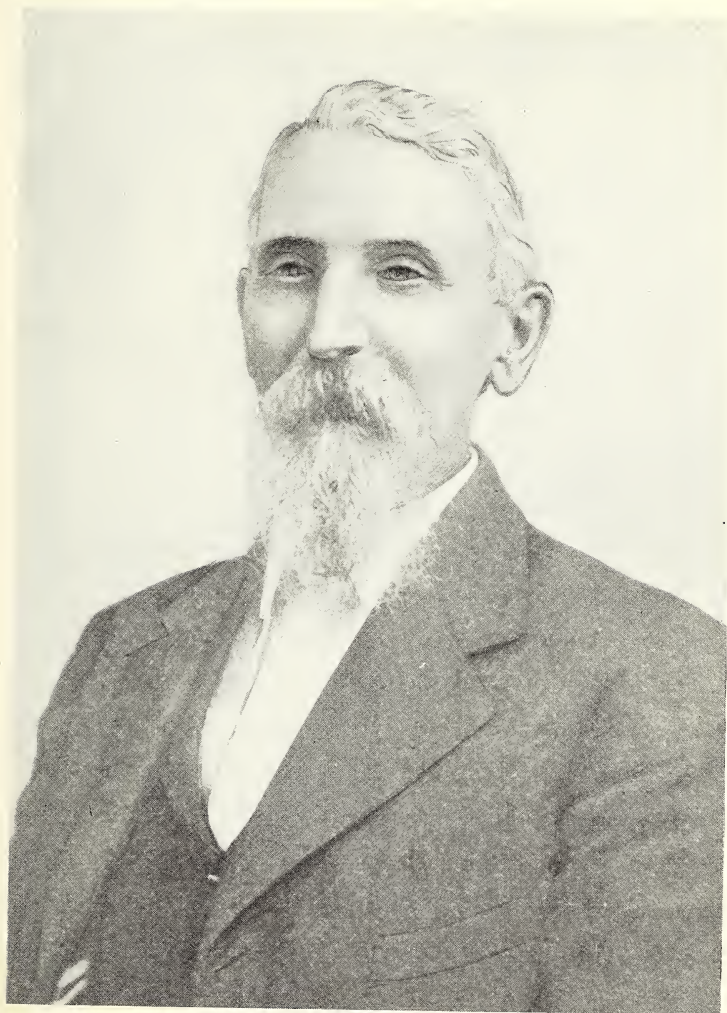
Since the work of writing this history was completed by Judge Avery, Robert K. Presnell, another elder of the First Presbyterian church has passed away, his death occurring on the 23d day of June, 1913. Mr. Presnell, who was 77 years of age, joined the Presbyterian church in 1877 and was ordained an elder in 1879. The church had no more loyal and devoted member and no officer more diligent and faithful.

Gentle and unostentatious in his demeanor, upright in his business dealings, true to every trust, winning his way without arousing antagonisms, liberal to his church and his family and still from modest beginnings accumulating a valuable estate—his life was an inspiration to good deeds and right living.

He was happily married in 1866 to Miss Susan Alexander, and his home, near the Presbyterian church, has long been a centre of hospitality, and of Christian influence exerted far more by example than by precept.

No man who ever lived in Morganton, it may safely be asserted, enjoyed to a greater degree the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. For many years actively engaged in the mercantile business, conducting a large farm on the Catawba River, acting as executor of his former pastor, the beloved Robert B. Anderson, touching the life of the community at many points—he always made the affairs of his church a matter of prime concern. A busy man always, and for many years in feeble health, he was always, it seemed, strong enough and had time enough to give to the church and its institutions the benefit of that wisdom and experience which made him so successful in material affairs.

W. C. ERVIN.



R. K. PRESNELL

LIST OF MEMBERS

The first Scotch-Irish settlers of old Burke County vied with the Lutherans in the establishment of places of worship. Sometimes one and sometimes the other was first to build a church after the occupation of a section. As already mentioned the Lutherans built "Little John Church" a few years before their Scotch-Irish neighbors organized at Quaker Meadows and Pleasant Gardens. In view of the loss of early church records of sessions, congregations, and of Orange Presbytery, it is impossible to give an accurate list of the first men who assembled at Quaker Meadows and undertook the building of a temple for worship at that place. It was built, as we know, from a single record, before 1784. The leading Scotch-Irish families living on all sides of the location selected were the Erwins, the McDowells, the McElraths, the Harbisons, the McGimpseys, the Greenlees, the O'Neills, the Morrisons, the Duckworths, and, in 1781, Waightstill Avery joined them, removing, after the War, from Jones County. Circumstances warrant the belief that all of the leading representatives of these families encouraged the church movement and most of them joined in the organization as members. Probably a little later the first representatives of the Ross family, of the Grady family, and of the Neills joined in the movement.

It was in the decade ending in the year 1800 that Thomas Walton and his wife, Mrs. Martha McIntire Walton, and Wm. McIntire located in the town of Morganton and immediately began to contribute to the support of the church and twenty years later to the building of a church, schoolhouse and parsonage in the town of Morganton. The Tates must have come from Pennsylvania to Burke County somewhere about the year 1790, before Robert and William Tate covered such a large area in the county with entries and grants.

As to the names in the subjoined list of early members of the church at Quaker Meadows, there seems to be reliable information that the names recorded in that list were of persons who actually joined in the church as well as the movement to establish it. It appears probable from circumstances that Col.

Joseph McGimpsey, John Perkins, and the first Joseph McDowell who came to Burke, were not only promoters of the movement, but members of the Quaker Meadows congregation.

Mr. John A. Dickson, one of the elders of the Morganton church, has been requested by the Session and the writer of the foregoing sketches, to join in making out the list of members of the church from the earliest day, and has given valuable assistance in that portion of the work.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE MEMBERS OF QUAKER MEADOWS AND MORGANTON CHURCHES, INCLUDING THOSE WHO WORSHIPED AT SILVER CREEK CHAPEL, FROM THE FIRST ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH AT QUAKER MEADOWS, TO THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 1913.

Alexander, Samuel; elder.

Alexander, Jane Penland; wife of Samuel.

Alexander, William; son of Samuel.

Alexander, Elizabeth; wife of William.

Alexander, Thomas; son of Samuel.

Alexander, Robert; son of Samuel.

Alexander, James; son of Samuel.

Alexander, Samuel; son of Samuel.

Alexander, Rachel; married Wm. Erwin.

Alexander, Margaret; married ———— Moore.

Alexander, Davis; son of James.

Alexander, Edgar D.; son of Vance, and grandson of James Alexander.

Alexander, Nannie T.; wife of Edgar D.

Alexander, Cynthia; daughter of Wm. and Sophia, second wife of Hugh Tate.

Alexander, Sally; married Ambrose Conley.

Alexander, Lena; married Hosea Bumgarner.

Alexander, David M.

Alexander, Mrs. M. E.

Alexander, Miss; married Aaron Kerley.

Amos, Lillie; married ————.

Anderson, Rev. Dr. R. B.

- Anderson, Mrs. Jennie Thornwell; wife of Rev. Dr. R. B.
Anderson, James, Sr.; father of Rev. R. B.
Anderson, Miss Lila.
Anderson, Eliza W.
Anderson, Robert B., Jr.
Anderson, Lila W.
Anderson, Mrs. Elizabeth.
Archer, T. V.; elder.
Archer, Mrs. T. V.
Aursler, Miss Francina.
Avery, Waightstill (Colonel).
Avery, Mrs. Leah Probart; wife of Waightstill.
Avery, Mira; married, first Poor, second, Jacob Summey.
Avery, Mrs. Harriet Erwin; wife of I. T. Avery.
Avery, Harriet Justina; married P. B. Chambers.
Avery, Mary Martha; married J. F. Chambers.
Avery, Laura M.; daughter of Mrs. H. E. Avery.
Avery, Willoughby F.
Avery, Alphonso C.; elder.
Avery, Susan Morrison; wife of A. C.
Avery, Harriet Eloise; married Gilmer Brenizer.
Avery, Morrison R.
Avery, Isaac Erwin.
Avery, Susan Washington; married T. S. McBee.
Avery, Alphonso C., Jr.
Avery, Mary Johnston; wife of A. C. A., Jr.
Avery, Alfred L.; son of A. C. A., Sr.
Avery, Lenoir T.
Avery, Gladys L.
Avery, Edith C.
Avery, Cornelia McGimpsey; wife of William Avery.
Avery, Elizabeth; daughter of Mrs. Cornelia.
Avery, Joseph.
Avery, Harrison.
Avery, Mrs. Annie Warlick; wife of Harrison Avery.
Avery, Alexander L.
Avery, Mrs. Madge McConnaughey; wife of Alexander Avery.
Avery, Ophelia; married ——— Wilfong.

Avery, Robert.
Avery, Mrs. Elizabeth Walton; wife of C. M. Avery.
Avery, Isaac T.; elder.
Avery, Mrs. Lillian W.; wife of Isaac T. Avery.
Avery, Lillian W.; daughter of Isaac T. Avery.
Avery, Walton; son of I. T. Avery.
Avery, Betsy; married J. McK. O'Neill.
Avery, Mrs. Corinna M.
Avery, Corinna I.; married Capt. G. P. Erwin.
Avery, Adelaide M.
Avery, Waightstill W., Jr.

Ballou, Natalie.
Bard, Charles J.
Bell, E. L.; deacon.
Bell, Mrs. Martha.
Bell, Mrs. Grace.
Bell, Mary Sue.
Bell, Andrew.
Beall, Dr. L. G.; deacon.
Berger, Mrs. Howard.
Berger, William.
Betts, Mrs. O. A.
Black, John.
Black, C. M.
Black, Miss Selina.
Black, Minerva A.
Black, Miss Martha.
Boger, William.
Boger, Mrs. Emily Gertrude.
Boger, J. Derr; deacon.
Boger, J. Derr, Jr.
Bost, Julia Forney; wife of Makepeace.
Bouchelle, Goodman.
Bouchelle, Mrs. Goodman.
Boyd, Mrs. Josephine.
Boyd, Miss Minnie.
Bowman, Flora.
Branch, Balbous.

Bristol, Miss Heloise.
Brown, Robert.
Brown, Mrs. Robert.
Brown, Jefferson (colored).
Brown, Hagar J. (colored).
Burnett, Christiana.
Burr, Miss Fredrika.
Butler, Sarah.
Butler, Miss Mary.
Branck, Peter.
Branck, Mrs. Peter.
Bynum, Judge J. G. ; elder.
Bynum, Mrs. Hennie Erwin ; wife of J. G. Bynum.
Branck, Robert.
Branck, Priscilla ; married David Vance.
Branck, Elizabeth ; married Robert Penland.

Camp, William.
Camp, Miss Rosa.
Camp, Edwin.
Camp, Miss Harriet.
Campbell, Mrs. Harriet.
Carter, Mrs. Ophelia.
Carter, Miss Ophelia.
Carter, Miss Cornelia.
Carthlege, Dr. L. H.
Causby, William.
Causby, Mrs. Rachel.
Causby, Nancy.
Chaffee, A. C.
Chaffee, Mrs. A. C.
Chambers, Edward W.
Chambers, J. P.
Chambers, Waightstill.
Chapman, Mrs. Augusta May.
Chapman, Mrs. C. J.
Chapman, Miss Caroline.
Colton, Moulton A.
Colton, Lizzie.

Colton, James.
Colton, Susan.
Colton, Henry.
Corpening, George.
Corpening, Mrs. George.
Corpening, W. G.
Corpening, Mrs. W. G.
Corpening, Z. T.
Cozens, Mrs. M. B.
Cozens, Miss Martha.
Cozens, Miss Mariah R.
Crawley, Miss Elizabeth.
Crisp, Mourning (colored).

Davidson, Mrs. Dorcas E.
Deal, Miss Cecelia.
Dietz, Mrs. Mary Ann.
Dickson, Isabella.
Dickson, Margaret.
Dickson, William.
Dickson, Mary K.
Dickson, Mrs. E. S.
Dickson, J. A.; elder.
Dickson, Mrs. J. A.
Dickson, Miss Bessie; married George Taylor.
Dickson, Mary Flynn.
Duckworth, John; elder.
Duckworth, Mrs. Mary; wife of Elder John.
Duckworth, Daunt; son of John.
Duckworth, —————; wife of Daunt.
Duckworth, Jane; married Martin Kibler.
Duckworth, Sarah.
Duckworth, Martha.
Duckworth, Maggie J.

Earnhardt, Mrs. S. M.
Edge, Rev. Walter W.
Edge, Mrs. Maude Brannon; wife of Rev. W. W. Edge.
Ervin, John Witherspoon.

Ervin, Mrs. Laura ; wife of J. W. Ervin.

Ervin, McQueen.

Ervin, Elizabeth.

Ervin, John Conyers.

Ervin, Samuel Jones ; elder.

Ervin, Mrs. Laura Poe ; wife of S. J. Ervin. ~

Ervin, Miss Louisa N.

Ervin, Miss Annie.

Ervin, Laura ; married Dr. Hall. —

Ervin, Catharine.

Ervin, Julia.

Ervin, Morton.

Ervin, Margaret.

Ervin, Edwin.

Ervin, Samuel Jones, Jr.

Ervin, Hugh Tait.

Erwin, Arthur.

Erwin, Margaret Brannon ; wife of Arthur ; died at Belvidere,
December 26, 1826, aged 92 years.

Erwin, Alexander.

Erwin, Mrs. Sarah Robinson ; first wife of Alexander Erwin.

Erwin, Mrs. Margaret Crawford Patton ; second wife of Alexander Erwin.

/ Erwin, Alexander, Jr.

Erwin, William Willoughby ; elder.

Erwin, Matilda Sharpe ; wife of W. W. Erwin.

Erwin, Adolphus L. ; elder.

Erwin, Mrs. Mary Simianer ; wife of A. L. Erwin.

Erwin, Edward Jones ; elder.

Erwin, Ann Phifer ; wife of E. J. Erwin.

Erwin, Matilda ; daughter of A. L. Erwin.

Erwin, Mary Ann ; daughter of A. L. Erwin.

Erwin, Margaret ; married Capt. James McDowell.

Erwin, Cecelia Matilda.

Erwin, Miss Mary E.

Erwin, Delia H. ; married Dr. J. F. Hardy.

Erwin, A. H.

Erwin, Mrs. Margaret.

Erwin, William C.

Erwin, Mrs. Matilda; wife of W. C. Erwin.

Erwin, Mary; married Samuel Duckworth.

Erwin, Catharine; married Sumner Smith.

Erwin, Margaret.

Erwin, Anna; married R. L. McConnaughey.

Erwin, Laura; married B. J. Jones.

Erwin, George Phifer; elder.

Erwin, Miss Sarah; married Dr. John C. McDowell.

Erwin, Miss Sarah; daughter of Alexander; married David
White of Charlotte. (2)

Erwin, Annie; married Fred Laxton.

Erwin, Corinna; married J. D. Boger.

Erwin, Adelaide Avery.

Erwin, Eloise McC.

Erwin, Edward Jones, Jr.

Erwin, Mrs. Margaret Phifer; wife of James Erwin. -

Erwin, Miss Sallie; married Freeland Henson. -

Erwin, Miss Sophia; married William Alexander. -

Erwin, Miss Cynthia; married Dr. Fox of Charlotte.

Erwin, Miss Hannah; married Zebulon Baird. G. F. of J. B. Vance

Erwin, Miss Mary; married Rev. J. McKamie Wilson.

Erwin, Margaret (Peggy); married Hugh Tate.

Erwin, Hamilton; son of Marcus.

Espy, Miss Harriet; married Gov. Zebulon Baird Vance.

Estis, Mary.

Farmer, Jonathan.

Fleming, Ann E. H.

Fleming, Elmira.

Foister, Mabel.

Foister, Ellen.

Folsom, Murtrice.

Forney, Daniel J.

Forney, Mrs. Sallie Rams ur; wife of Daniel J.

Forney, Mrs. Polly; wife of Newton.

Forney, Isaac Newton.

Forney, Louisa.

Forney, William.

Forney, Pink (1886).

Forney, Robert.
Forney, Walter; deacon.
Forney, Miss Julia.
Forney, Charles; deacon.
Forney, Miss Mamie.
Forney, Miss Anna.
Foster, Mrs.
Foster, Miss Elizabeth.
Foster, Sarah J.
Foster, Miss Laura.
Fox, L. C.; deacon.
Fox, Mrs. L. C.
Fox, Thomas.

Gaither, Mrs. Amelia.
Gaither, Miss Emeline; married ——— McRee.
Gaither, Mrs. Catherine Erwin; wife of Alfred Gaither.
Gaither, Mrs. Elizabeth Erwin; wife of B. S. Gaither.
Gaither, Mrs. Sarah Corpening; second wife of B. S. Gaither.
Gaither, Mrs. Julia M.
Gaither, Delia Emma; married Dr. R. C. Pearson.
Gaither, Mrs. Matilda E.
Garland, William R.
Gash, Mrs. D. A.
Gash, Miss Annie.
Gibbs, A. B.
Giles, Mrs. Harriet Mooney.
Giles, Miss Lillian Gray.
Giles, John; elder at Glen Alpine.
Giles, Mrs. ——— Butler; wife of John.
Gillespie, James.
Gilmer, John A.; elder; now minister at Mt. Airy.
Gilmer, Laura Avery; wife of Rev. J. A. Gilmer.
Good, Solomon.
Good, Mrs. Solomon.
Grady, Elijah.
Grady, Jemima.
Grady, Mrs. Lucy Caroline.

Grayson, Noah M.
Gregory, Rev. E. C.
Gregory, Mrs. Fannie Dysart; wife of Rev. E. C.
Greenlee, James.
Greenlee, Mary Mitchell.
Greenlee, Samuel.
Greenlee, Mrs. Minerva K.
Greenlee, Mrs. Mary; wife of John M.
Greenlee, John M.
Greenlee, James Hervey.
Greenlee, Mary; married Dr. McRee.
Greenlee, Miss Emily; married Dr. Happoldt.
Greenlee, Miss Elizabeth; married John A. Dickson.
Greenlee, Alexander S.
Greenlee, Mrs. Elizabeth Glass; wife of A. S. Greenlee.

Hague, Mrs. Pattie Thornwell.
Happoldt, Mrs. Mary McRee.
Happoldt, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth.
Happoldt, Lucy Greenlee.
Happoldt, Mary Minerva.
Harbison, John; deacon.
Harbison, Lydia.
Harbison, Mary, Sr.
Harbison, Mary B.
Harbison, Rachel.
Harbison, Elizabeth A.
Harbison, William.
Harbison, Thomas A.
Harbison, Dorcas.
Harmon, Miss Lucinda.
Harmon, Miss Nancy.
Harper, James Patterson.
Henson, Freeland.
Henson, Miss Mary.
Henson, Dr. J. McKamie.
Henson, Mrs. Sallie; wife of Freeland.
Hilliard, Simeon.
Hofstetter, Howard McP.

- Hofstetter, Mrs. Ollie M.; wife of Howard McP.
Holton, E. W.
Holton, Mrs. E. W.
Howard, W. M. D.; elder.
Howard, Martha F.; wife of W. M. D.
Howard, Miss Cecelia; married Capt. E. J. Kirksey.
Howard, H. A.
Howard, Mrs. Laura Moore; wife of H. A.
Howard, Miss Leah Moore.
Howard, H. A., Jr.
Howard, Miss Helen.
Howard, Miss Hattie.
Howard, Samuel Ben.
Howard, Laura Cornelia.
Houck, Dr. A. S.
Houck, Mrs. Margaret.
Houck, Miss Amelia.
Huet, Florence Marshall.
Huet, Barclay.
Hull, Mrs. L. M.
Hunt, Mrs. Elizabeth.
Hunt, Miss Atwood.
Hunt, Mrs. Bessie Pearson.

Ingold, A. M.; deacon.

Jarret, Mr. _____
Jarret, Mrs. _____
Janes, Mrs. Elzira.
Jeter, Mrs. Nannie Fleming; wife of Dr. I. P. Jeter.
Johnson, Charles.
Johnson, Mrs. Mary T.
Johnson, Miss Elsie.
Johnson, Miss Nellie B.
Johnson, Luther.
Johnson, Charles E.
Johnston, Mrs. F. H.
Johnston, Miss M. Grace.
Jones, Nancy.

Keever, Mr. ———

Keever, Mrs. ———

Kellog, Miss Elizabeth B.

Kibler, Mrs. Jane Duckworth; wife of Martin Kibler; daughter
of John Duckworth.

Kistler, Mrs. Edna Bartholdt.

Kistler, Andrew.

Kistler, Mrs. Andrew.

Knight, Miss Emma.

Lackey, Mrs. Fannie Warlick.

Lafayette, Lawrence.

Laxton, Lucy.

Leslie, W. A.

Linfield, Miss Virginia.

Lindsay, Miss Corrie.

Lovin, Mr. ———

Lovin, Mrs. ———

Mabe, W. P.

Mabe, Mrs. Eliza.

Mabe, Isaac.

McAlpine, Miss Hope; married E. J. Galloway.

McAlpine, Miss Grace; married E. L. Bell.

McAlpine, Mrs. Susan Moore; wife of A. J. McAlpine.

McC Campbell, Mrs. Maggie T.; wife of Dr. John McC Campbell.

McConnaughey, Mrs. Anna Erwin.

McConnaughey, Miss Minnie.

McConnaughey, Miss Laura.

McConnaughey, Miss Kate.

McConnaughey, William E.; deacon.

McConnaughey, Joseph; son of W. E.

McConnaughey, William E., Jr.

McCormick, Mrs. Mary Craige Pearson.

McCoy, V. P.

McCoy, ———

McCutchan, Rev. John; pastor.

McCutchan, Mrs. Elizabeth; wife of Rev. John.

McDowell, Mrs. Grace Greenlee; wife of Col. Chas. McDowell.

- McDowell, General Joseph.
McDowell, Mrs. Margaret Moffitt; wife of General Joseph.
McDowell, Hugh.
McDowell, Mrs. ———; wife of Hugh McDowell.
McDowell, John.
McDowell, Mrs. McD.; wife of John.
McDowell, Miss C. A.; wife of M. Patton.
McDowell, Dr. John C.
McDowell, Miss Margaret.
McDowell, Miss Kate; married D. Y. Newland.
McDowell, Miss Lizzie.
McDowell, John C., Jr.
McDowell, Mrs. Ettie; wife of J. C., Jr.
McDowell, William B.
McDowell, Frank.
McDowell, Miss Annie; married Dr. E. M. Gayle.
McDowell, Elizabeth; married E. L. Abernathy.
McDowell, Miss Margaret; married Marcus Erwin.
McElrath, John; deacon.
McElrath, Mrs. ——— McDowell; first wife of John.
McElrath, Mrs. Mary Patton Bouchelle; second wife of John.
McElrath, Robert J.
McElrath, Margaret McDowell; wife of Robert J.
McElrath, David A.
McElrath, Viney (colored); servant of John McElrath.
McElrath, Hannah.
McGimpsey, Miss Cornelia; married William Avery.
McGimpsey, Miss Ophelia; married Dan Carter.
McGuire, John
McGuire, Cynthia Erwin; wife of John McGuire.
McGuire, Edward.
McIntire, William.
McIntire, Mrs. Clara Erwin.
McIntire, Viney (colored).
McKenzie, Donald; deacon.
McKenzie, Mrs. Mary Minerva Happoldt; wife of Donald McK.
McKesson, James.
McKesson, Mrs. Maria; wife of James.
McKesson, Mrs. Margaret McD.; wife of W. F. McKesson.

McNeely, Robert.
McNeely, Miss Nancy.
McNeely, Mrs. Naomie.
McRae, Miss Emma.
Mallard, J. C.; elder.
Mallard, Mrs. Lucy A.; wife of J. C. Mallard.
Mallard, William S.
Mallard, Miss Ida.
Mallard, Miss Sarah.
Mallard, Miss Mary S.
Mallard, Miss Delia.
Marsh, Mrs. Caroline.
Martin, Mrs. Lizzie.
Martin, John.
Massinger, James R.
Massey, Mrs. Adeline Lucinda.
Michaels, Sally.
Michaux, Richard.
Middleton, Miss Virginia.
Miller, Robert Crayton.
Miller, Hugh.
Miller, Mary.
Miller, Mrs. ———; died April 4, 1831.
Miller, Mrs. Robert C.
Miller, Mrs. Edward Bryson.
Miller, Mrs. Mabel B. Fisher; first wife of John Miller.
Miller, Mrs. Edna B.; second wife of John Miller.
Milne, Miss Elizabeth; married William B. McDowell.
Mills, Miss Julia.
Mitchell, Mary.
Mitchell, Mrs. ———; died April 4, 1831.
Miller, Barah.
Mooney, Mary.
Moore, W. S.; elder.
Moore, Mary A.
Moore, Mrs. Mary Summers.
Moore, Mrs. Margaret Montgomery.
Moore, E. P.; elder.
Moore, Mrs. E. P.

- Moore, Samuel B.
Moore, Mrs. Ann Wiley.
Moore, Charles Anderson.
Moore, W. M.
Moore, Miss Laura ; married Hugh Howard.
Moran, Dr. George H. ; elder.
Moran, Mrs. Sarah Erwin ; wife of Dr. G. H. Moran.
Moran, Miss Annie.
Moran, Miss Mary.
Moran, Erwin.
Murphy, Dr. P. L.
Murphy, Mrs. Betty Bumgardner ; wife of Dr. P. L. Murphy.
Murphy, Miss Mae.
Morrison, Thomas.
Morrison, Sallie Duckworth ; wife of Thomas Morrison, and
daughter of John Duckworth.
Morrison, Betsy ; married Elijah Hicks.
Morrison, Robert.
Morrison, Polly.
Morrison, Sally ; married ——— Hemphill.
Morrison, William ; member of Legislature ; Sheriff who had
John Sevier in custody when Sevier escaped at Morganton.
Morrison, Mrs. ——— ; wife of William Morrison.
Morrow, Miss Nora.
Moses, Miss Mary.
- Neill, William, Sr. ; died May 11, 1821.
Neill, Mrs. William.
Neill, James.
Neill, Mrs. ——— Duckworth ; wife of James.
Neill, ——— ; married Robert ———.
Neill, Thomas ; elder.
Neill, Mrs. ——— ; wife of Thomas.
Neill, William, Jr.
Neill, Thomas.
Neill, Sarah H.
Neill, Harriet.
Neill, Elizabeth.
Neill, Miss Maggie.

Newland, Miss Margaret McDowell.

Nicol, Miss Marguerite.

O'Neill, Mrs. ———; mother of J. McK. O'Neill.

O'Neill, Elizabeth; wife of J. McK. O'Neill.

Parsons, Mrs. Cora.

Parsons, Miss Eva.

Parsons, Miss Annie.

Patton, Joseph.

Patton, Mrs. Mary Erwin; wife of Joseph Patton.

Pearsall, Miss Kate.

Perry, Miss Florence.

Pearson, Elizabeth.

Pearson, Jane Selina.

Pearson, Harriet.

Pearson, Mary Cecelia.

Pearson, Dr. Robert C.

Pearson, Mrs. Delia Emma; wife of Dr. R. C. Pearson.

Pearson, Mrs. Jane Sophronia; wife of R. C. Pearson, Sr.

Pearson, Samuel T.

Pearson, Nannie Anderson; first wife of S. T. Pearson.

Pearson, Mrs. Esther Ervin; second wife of S. T. Pearson.

Pearson, Miss Bessie; married Atwood Hunt.

Pearson, Miss Ann Elizabeth.

Pearson, Laura; married Capt. Neill W. Ray.

Pearson, Gaither.

Pearson, Robert C.; son of Dr. R. C.

Pearson, William H.; elder.

Penland, Robert; elder.

Penland, Mrs. Elizabeth Brank; wife of Robert Penland.

Penland, Henry; son of Robert.

Penland, Leah; daughter of Robert; married John Saulman.

Perkins, Miss Eliz.; married Edwin Williams of Georgia.

Perkins, Melissa Lavender; wife of Joseph Perkins.

Perkins, Alfred; elder.

Perkins, Mrs. Mary Caldwell; wife of Alfred.

Perkins, Miss Jane Eliza.

Perkins, Capt. E. A.; elder.

Perkins, Robert C.; elder.
Perkins, Miss Mary; married Harry Kent.
Perkins, Miss Lizzie; married R. L. McConnaughey.
Perkins, Miss Emma; married Robert Forney.
Perkins, Miss Susie Gordon.
Phifer, Dr. E. W.
Phifer, Mrs. Sudie Presnell; wife of Dr. E. W. Phifer.
Phifer, Maude.
Phifer, Isaac Avery.
Phifer, Moulton Avery.
Phifer, Waightstill.
Phifer, Robert.
Phifer, Mary.
Powell, Catherine.
Powell, Cornelia.
Presnell, Miss Mary; married Logan Carson.
Presnell, Robert K.; elder.
Presnell, Mrs. Susan; wife of R. K.
Presnell, Miss Annie; married J. H. Reid.
Presnell, John.
Presnell, Robert G.
Presnell, Jennie Weeta; married F. O. Gee.
Presnell, Miss Margaret; married ——— Moore.
Presnell, Miss Mary Burgin.
Presnell, Miss Julia.
Potts, Miss Julia.

Query, L. H.

Ramseur, George; elder.
Ramseur, Mrs. Annie Forney.
Reid, E. F.
Reid, J. H.
Rich, Miss Virginia.
Ross, Berry; died 1843.
Ross, Betsy.
Ross, Stephen.
Ross, W. A.; elder.
Ross, Mrs. Fannie Kistler; wife of W. A. Ross.

- Ross, Earl.
Ross, Dr. Charles E.
Ross, Miss Katherine.
Ross, Miss Martha.
Ross, Charles.
Ross, Robert Alexander.
Ross, Miss Alice.
Ross, William J.
Ross, Miss Rosa ; married Shotwell Sudderth.
Ross, Miss Annie Lewis.
Rusmisell, Mrs. Mary McKenzie Reeves.
- Scott, Mrs. Rebekah.
Scott, John.
Scott, Mrs. John.
Scott, Miss Sarah M.
Scott, Helen H.
Seigle, Miss Rosa.
Seigle, Lila Jane.
Sharpe, Mrs. Catharine Reese ; wife of Col. Wm. Sharpe ; died
at Belvidere May 26, 1826, aged 80.
Sheetz, Rev. W. C.
Sheetz, Mrs. L. Morton ; wife of Rev. W. C. Sheetz.
Sheetz, Miss Mortie ; married Drew Collins.
Sheetz, Miss Julia ; married E. F. Reid.
Sheetz, Miss Catherine ; married W. C. Ervin.
Sherman, Mrs. Mary J.
Sherman, Miss Claude.
Sherman, Miss Martha.
Shuping, Alexander.
Silliman, Rev. John ; pastor.
Silliman, Mrs. Julia ; wife of Rev. John Silliman.
Silver, Alphonso C.
Simpson, Mrs. Mahala.
Smallwood, Ann.
Smith, Miss Maud.
Smith, Merle.
Smith, Mrs. Lula Ethel.
Smythe, Mrs. Jane Caldwell ; married Major J. C. Smythe.

Spainhour, Mrs. Laura Forney.
Spainhour, Ed.
Spainhour, Ralph.
Sprague, Henry.
Sprague, H. B.
Sprague, Mrs. H. B.
Sorrels, Nancy.
Starke, James Edward.
Starke, Mrs. Betsy Sharpe; daughter of Col. Wm. Sharpe.
Stevelie, John H.; elder.

Tate, Miss Elizabeth; died 1842.
Tate, Miss Jane Sophronia; married R. C. Pearson.
Tate, Mrs. Elizabeth; wife of Dr. Samuel Tate.
Tate, Margaret.
Tate, Fatima E.; died December, 1855.
Tate, Elizabeth; died February 29, 1841.
Tate, Sarah.
Tate, Dr. W. C.; elder.
Tate, Dr. William S.
Tate, Miss M. C.
Tate, Miss Catherine.
Tate, Miss ——— —Morton; wife of W. S.
Tate, Col. Samuel McD.
Tate, Mrs. Jane S.; wife of Col. S. McD. Tate.
Tate, Miss Claude.
Tate, Miss Susan.
Tate, Miss Wilhelmina.
Tate, Miss Irene.
Tate, Gordon.
Taylor, Mrs. Sue W.
Taylor, Mrs. Laura.
Taylor, Miss Eloise.
Taylor, Erasmus.
Taylor, Miss Elizabeth.
Taylor, Miss Sarah Cole.
Taylor, Jordan (colored).
Thomason, J. T.
Thompson, Alice.

Thompson, Mrs. Mary Martha.

Throgmorton, Martha.

Tull, Elizabeth.

Tull, Miss Julia.

Tull, John.

Tull, Joseph.

Tull, Miss Julia ; married Mr. Walker.

Tull, Isaac.

Tull, John, Jr.

Tull, Charles W.

Turner, Mrs. Fred.

Vance, David ; elder.

Wade, Thomas.

Walker, Mrs. Nancy J.

Walton, Thomas.

Walton, Martha.

Walton, William E.

Walton, Mrs. Mamie Moore ; wife of W. E. Walton.

Walton, Harry Moore.

Walton, Miss Eva.

Walker, Leonard Hayes.

Warlick, Capt. P. A.

Warlick, Catherine R. ; wife of P. A.

Webb, Mrs. Lloyd E.

Webber, Louis J.

Webber, Mrs. Louis J.

Whisenhant, Sophia.

Whisenhant, Harvey T.

Whisenhant, Sarah E.

Whisenhant, Mrs. F. Emma.

Whisenhant, Michael ; elder.

Wilson, Rev. J. McKenzie ; pastor.

Wilson, Mrs. Mary Erwin ; wife of Rev. J. McK. Wilson.

Wilson, Rev. D. A. ; missionary.

Wilson, John.

Wilson, Rev. J. M., Jr. ; pastor.

Wilson, Mrs. Delphia Fox ; wife of J. M., Jr.

- Wilson, Miss Mary Ann; married Dr. Robert Tate.
Wilson, Mrs. Louisa; wife of J. W. Wilson.
Wilson, Miss Mary Willis; married Major Bomar.
Wilson, Miss Alice; married Herbert Battle.
Wilson, Miss Louise; married Dr. Gibbon.
Wilson, Miss Beulah; married Jenkins Hutchinson.
Wilson, Miss Cora; married Mr. Massey.
Wilson, Miss L. E.
Wilson, Alexander.
Wilson, Mrs. Hallie; wife of A. L. Wilson.
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